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Homeland Defense funds will help buy emergency generator for Telstar

By ALISON ALOISIO

A generator capable of single-handedly operating Telstar high/middle schools will be purchased with a Homeland Security grant awarded to SAD44.

The School Board last week approved the recommendation of Supt. Dave Murphy to buy the \$149,000, 1,600-amp generator.

The grant award totals \$116,000, with the remaining \$33,000 to come from a future SAD44 budget.

"We got the grant because [Telstar] is a Red Cross shelter," Murphy told the board.

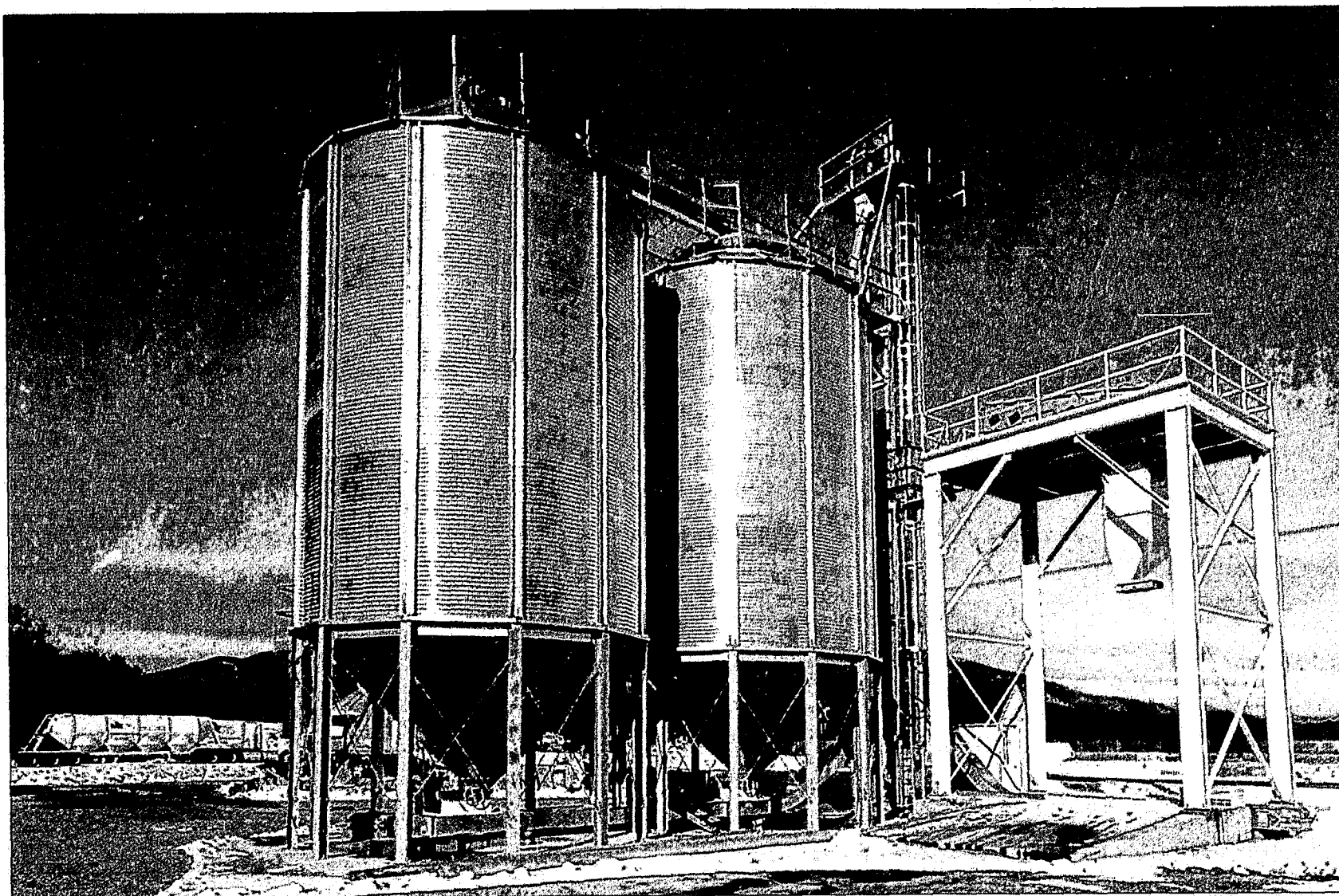
But the generator may also be used in circumstances when the power goes out while school is in session.

"The temperature in the building drops rapidly," he said, leading to early dismissals if the weather is cold enough.

In another circumstance, said Murphy, there have been times when power failed while students were en route to school. The availability of

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Just about ready to start loading them up



Set in the wooded hills that provide its raw material, the Maine Energy Systems 55-foot-tall pellet depot is the only such device of its kind and scale in the Northeast. The depot, which is expected to become operational next week, is essential for loading bulk wood-pellet carriers, such as the truck in the distant left. The recently renovated MESys facility is located in the Bethel Airport Industrial Park.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Governor to speak at MESys Open House Monday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Maine Energy Systems of Bethel will host an open house and press conference on Monday, Dec. 8.

The public is welcomed to attend and learn more about the company, whose mission is "to support a transition to the use of renewable energy for homes and businesses."

Maine Governor John E. Baldacci is scheduled to speak and to participate in a ribbon cutting.

The events, which begin at 11:30 a.m., will be held

at the company headquarters, the former GAMM Building at the Bethel Airport Industrial Park.

MESys moved into the building, which it is currently leasing from the town, in August and has since undertaken major renovations.

They include expanded office, warehouse and classroom space, new loading dock, and construction of 300-ton "community pellet storage depot," (above) used for loading bulk wood-pellet carriers.

And the MESys facility is now entirely heated by

three of the company's wood-pellet boilers.

Also on site are specially designed delivery trucks, used both for home and business and for long-haul transporting of the wood pellets.

MESys has an option, approved by Bethel voters, to purchase the property.

"Please join us Monday to see wood-pellet boilers in action," said Dutch Dresser, one of three local MESys partners, "and to learn about an exciting new business opportunity for Maine and Bethel."

4-H Camp is offered \$200K matching grant

The University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond has received a challenge gift of \$200,000.

The funds would go toward construction of a new four-season classroom building for natural resource education programs aimed at young people.

The grant would come from the Bolger Foundation of Ridgewood, N.J. But in order to receive it, the camp must raise matching cash donations over the next year, according to a press release from the UM Cooperative Extension.

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W'stock board ponders future of Rec Building

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen are considering selling the town's recreation building, which was formerly an old fire station.

"I'm concerned that we have a building in town that we're really not utilizing, that could be back on the tax rolls," said selectman Rick Young at a recent meeting.

The building, located on Railroad Street near the Post Office, was renovated by vol-

unteers several years ago for use as a recreation center.

But interest waned, and only Brock Cozzolino, a softball coach and chairman of the Recreation Committee, uses it now. He signs up young ball players and stores equipment there.

Cozzolino met with selectmen last week to discuss the building.

Young said the location of

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'Final' version of proposed management plan for Lake Umbagog Wildlife Refuge is issued

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A federal process that began with public scoping sessions in 2002 moved a step closer to completion this week, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued an 882-page document that will shape the future of the Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

"The Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement" for the refuge will be open for public comment for 30 days, and will then go the Service's regional director for formal adoption.

The CCP/EIS will then guide the management of the refuge for the next 15 years.

That is almost as long as the refuge has been in existence.

The LUNWR was established in 1992 to provide long-term protection for unique wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and migratory birds of conservation

concern.

The refuge currently protects 21,650 acres of significant habitats in Coos County, N.H., and northern Oxford County.

The FWS and the two states collectively manage three-quarters of the shoreline of

Not changed was the recommendation of FWS staff that the management approach labeled "Alternative B," be adopted.

The report describes that approach as follows:

"Its highest priority is to protect the biological integri-

ty, diversity, and environmental health of Umbagog Lake and its associated rivers and streams. Its second priority is to conserve the upland mixed forest and sustain those native species dependent on the forest. Management would focus on enhancing habitats for selected refuge focal species, including species of regional conservation concern whose

habitat needs generally represent the needs of many other federal trust resources."

In recommending Alternative B, the report rejects its two other approaches: "Alternative A" which would essentially continue the management of the refuge unchanged (an alternative required by federal law).

And "Alternative B," which, as described in the report: "focuses on sustaining natural ecological communities, rather than selected species. It would result in passively or actively manipulating vegetation to create or hasten the development of natural communities, landscape patterns and processes."

But while the recommendation for Alternative B remains, several changes have been made to it as a result of the public comments to the

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USFWS will hold an Open House on the plan Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 7-9 p.m. at the Errol, N.H., Town Hall.

Umbagog Lake, as well as nearby marshes, bogs and fens, and hardwood and boreal forests.

The management plan in its current form is based on a draft plan released for public comment in June 2007.

The draft generated more than 14,000 comments and resulted in several changes to the CCP.

Sunday River trailblazer 'Mike' Thurston remembered

By JUDITH MEYER/CITIZEN STAFF

Murray "Mike" Thurston, who played a major role in founding the first ski slopes at what is now Sunday River Resort in Newry, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 at the age of 87.

Thurston maintained his connection to the resort for nearly half a century.

"Well into his 70s he was serving as an instructor in the Maine Handicapped Skiing Program," his son David "Fuzzy" Thurston said Tuesday. "And when all is said and done, that's probably what he was most proud of."

Dana Bullen, general manager for Sunday River, extended sympathies for the family and friends of Thurston, on behalf of the resort.

"Murray was an intricate part of Sunday River and our success is much in part to Murray's leadership," Bullen said. "As we go into almost 50 years of operation, Murray's forethought and vision very much still echoes through our resort."

A graduate of Bethel's Gould Academy and Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., Thurston developed a plan to establish the lodge and a tow rope to access two trails on Barker Mountain in 1959, after an inspiring hike up the mountain with his young son, Fuzzy.

A staunch Democrat and politically active for much of his

adult life, Murray Thurston was elected to the Maine Senate in 1958 just before he launched his plan to develop Sunday River. He remained an avid skier until his early 80s.

Last year, when the elder Thurston was inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, Fuzzy Thurston remarked on how his father established the resort on a shoestring so long ago.

Fuzzy remembered helping to lay the first T-bar line with his father, after hiking through the woods from where the Jack Frost Ski Shop now sits to where the Barker Mountain Lodge is now. They used a compass to lay the line.

It was so simple.

"If you had to do that kind of thing today, with all the regulations and permits? There would be no chance. It's a great example of what perseverance and not a lot of money can do," Fuzzy said. "This was a pure, community effort. Families would come in on Saturday and Sunday and help clean and

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Letters

PROFESSIONALISM SAVES A LIFE

To the Editor:

This is an overdue but profound thanks to the first responders to my wife Mary-Ellen's critical injuries when she was run down by a motorist at the Summit Hotel on Nov. 15. She doubtless would not have survived without the timely professionalism of Sunday River Security, and clinical staff, police and ambulance staff.

With a broken back, eight broken ribs and arm and leg fractures, she has now moved from 10 days in the ICU, and then surgical recovery ward to an intensive long-term rehab unit at CMMC, Lewiston, Maine. Miraculously, with no head or spinal injuries, she will walk again - and may even, she says, ski again.

We will be forever grateful to the Sunday River Management, our colleagues at the Perfect Turn Ski School, and the Building and Maintenance folks - who will be building a wheelchair ramp for her ultimate return home. Finally, the thoughts, prayers and messages from so many in the Bethel area have maintained and lifted our spirits so much. Our unending gratitude to you all.

Peter and Mary-Ellen Gartner
Newry

BUCK'S LEDGE UPDATE

To the Editor:

To Buck's Ledge supporters: The recent Thanksgiving snow has glistened the face of Buck's Ledge, surrounding us in Maine with a fantastic view. For you summer people, you can just imagine its beauty. For the winter visitors, let's enjoy the splendor of Buck's Ledge and the views over North Pond.

I want to give you an update on the slow progress to acquire the property.

The negotiations between Mahoosuc Land Trust and Dan Hudnut for Bayroot are continuing. Dan Hudnut is the agent for Bayroot involved with the Buck's Ledge property in Woodstock. He would like more money for the 644 acres than the Mahoosuc Land Trust would like to pay. We haven't agreed on a selling price yet. Face to face negotiations will continue.

As it's a slow economic time, it's in everyone's best interest to continue the conversations on negotiations carefully, not in a hurry. Dan has assured the Mahoosuc Land Trust that he's not interested in selling to anyone else at this time. He has held the property for four years, realizing it is a valuable asset to the communities around North Pond.

As you know the Land for Maine's Future authorized \$251,000.00 toward the purchase.

If any of you are up over the holidays, it might be a good time to visit the property or connect with any member of the Buck's Ledge Committee for updates.

Feel free to contact me at jane.h.chandler@gmail.com or Cathy Newell at cathynewell@megalink.net or Marcel Polak at sprucecm@megalink.net.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and will enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Jane Chandler
Greenwood

KIDS FOR TREES

To the Editor:

Anyone wishing to purchase their Christmas tree this year and donate the expense to Telstar's 2009 graduating class may do so via the Kids for Trees program.

On Saturday, Dec. 13 and 20, from 9 to 3 p.m. each day, graduating seniors will be at the Kids for Trees site ready to cut your Christmas tree. Most people will acquire a Christmas tree during the holiday season and this is a great way to get your tree and donate to the senior class at the same time. The cost of the trees will be \$25 or a donation of greater value.

The Kids for Trees program was started in 1989 where third graders in SAD44 planted the first trees. About ten years later those third graders harvested their trees as seniors, which raised about \$1,000 for their class. Currently, the Kids for Trees program is in a hiatus; however, there are quite a number of beautiful Christmas trees available at the site. People will be on hand to cut, trim and haul your tree to your vehicle. If you have an interest in getting your tree on Saturday, Dec. 6, please contact Steve Keane at Telstar Regional High School to make arrangements.

Merry Christmas from the Class of 2009.

Kelsie Kuwaja, Ben Cross, Andrea Gaudreau, and Alex Gundersen, Class officers 2009; Steve Keane, Class advisor
Gail Wight, Becky Kuwaja, Project Graduation

TURKET TUESDAY THANK YOU

To the Editor:

A warm and hardy thanks go out to Dave and Heather, The Good Food Store, everyone at the Jolly Drayman, all the folks who helped prepare Turkey Tuesday, and all those fine souls who logged out on a wet Turkey Tuesday night in support of the Bethel Food Pantry.

Thanks so much.

Eric Stephenson and Dave Bean
The Bethel Food Pantry

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REMEMBERING MURRAY 'MIKE' THURSTON

To the Editor:

The death last week of Murray "Mike" Thurston removes from our midst one of the central figures of the Bethel area's modern development. His devotion to the cause of establishing a ski area development on Barker Mountain in nearby Newry was a major step in the transformation that is still continuing to this day and will remain a phenomenon I expect for some time to come. He served his community in many other ways, including a long tenure as a trustee of his beloved Gould Academy and as a Democratic member of the Maine State Senate.

Mike was a life member of the Bethel Historical Society and was a supporter of the organization for over thirty years. It was always fun to talk with him about the history he had lived through or heard about from his family.

In addition, Mike was a good friend of my parents. I can recall many times listening to them fondly remembering their years at Gould in the 1930s. My mother, an ardent Republican, was also known to frequently exchange political insults with Mike, whom she affectionately referred to as "you damn Democrat," much to his amusement.

Mike's record as a leader in the economic transformation of the region will long be remembered and I will not forget his over-a-half-century friendship with my parents.

Stan Howe
Bethel

CLASSIFIED SCAM IN CITIZEN

To the Editor:

While reading your classified ads on Nov. 20, 2008, my boyfriend and I came upon an ad for a free Tea Cup Yorkie Pup for adoption. The persons that placed the ad claimed to need a home for their lovely baby Yorkie puppy, someone that was God fearing. Someone that would take good care of her. If interested contact this person by e-mail.

My boyfriend, who is a Vietnam veteran from the Navy, is going to Boston to have a serious operation, due to duties served to protect our country, throughout Thanksgiving. He is going to have a long recovery.

The thought of having a little Yorkie pup really brightened his spirits. He looked forward to meeting the family that was giving away the puppy. I e-mailed the address from your paper's ad and got an answer that evening. The e-mail said they had "2 puppies" to give away, all the way from an African Missionary! They said the weather wasn't good for the pups and they were willing to split the shipping costs. They asked us to send a telephone number so they could contact us.

Needless to say, we were attuned enough to realize this was a computer scam! My boyfriend was very hurt by this and became depressed before leaving for the hospital. How could something like this happen in our own little hometown paper? We are writing this letter from the hospital dorm in Massachusetts.

The large ad appeared in your Nov. 20, 2008 edition of The Bethel Citizen paper under the classified. This ad is located in the far left side column, third ad down.

We are appalled at The Bethel Citizen for not picking up on this fraudulent scam that some abominable people are able to place in your paper.

What next, terrorists will set up shop, sell weapons or even sell drugs by placing ads with an e-mail address in our local newspapers? Imagine all of the folks in our area that may have been or will be scammed by this lovely classified ad. Check it out for yourselves.

Just another way the scam can get at us good people that nearly die defending this country.

Mary Butera
West Paris

(Editor replies: We certainly regret that such material found its way into The Citizen. Our advertising staff makes every effort to screen false advertisements, but we realize that from time to time they will slip under the radar and turn up in the newspaper. Accordingly we urge our readers to apply a bit of healthy skepticism when dealing with anyone other than established and reputable businesses, especially when the service or product being offered appears either too good to be true or, as in this case, tugs at the heartstrings. Given the nature of this particular scam — and, perhaps, the season — we might take the occasion to remind readers that local animal shelters are overflowing with wonderful animals in need of loving homes. —MRD)

BETHEL AREA BUSINESS AND HOME EXPO

To the Editor:

Bethel's holiday events have gotten off to a wonderful start with a busy Thanksgiving weekend and many folks who have started to use their Buy Local Rewards card. It is our hope that more of you will stay locally to do at least part of your holiday shopping. Our Bethel area merchants and restaurants appreciate it, as they are the heart and soul of our local economy.

This weekend coming up will offer many opportunities to learn more about some of our Bethel area businesses. All are invited to the Bethel Area Business and Home Expo, which will be held at Telstar High School in the gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have a wonderful variety of businesses represented and each of them will be happy to have you visit their booth. Many of them will be offering raffles and giveaways. In addition, the popular Taste of Bethel will be held in the Telstar Cafeteria from Noon until the food runs out. At least 15 of the area restaurants will be offering their specialties for \$1 per taste. The Theme Wreath Auction will be held in conjunction with the Taste of Bethel.

As the Business Expo is winding down, all are encouraged to gather in the Telstar Auditorium for the Telstar Parent and CPS Fifth-grade auctions. Dozens of items will be offered and this is an important fundraiser for both of these organizations!

From 2 to 4 p.m., the chamber is offering free wagon rides through the village, sponsored by our friends at Oxford Networks. After you enjoy your ride, we encourage you to browse and shop in the village businesses...or go in for a bite to eat in one of the eateries, so that you can come back to the common at 5:30, when Santa will be arriving to light the town Christmas tree. He will have treats for all the children. The West Parish Congregational Church is also holding their annual Christmas Fair and Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. Make sure to stop by.

Next Friday night, on Dec. 12, the businesses who are participating in the Buy Local Rewards program are holding a special event from 4 to 8 p.m., and later in a few of the restaurants. Ongoing entertainment, special sales, and cookie decorating will be some of the offerings. The Main Street will be adorned with luminaries, decorated by the children of the Mahoosuc Kids Program. The cooperation and partnership between the Bethel Area Chamber, our businesses, the Bethel Performing Arts Project, and the schools is making this event one to be experienced and remembered. It is our goal to have all ages, from the youngest to the young-at-heart, come out in force to embrace what we hope will become an annual event. If anyone would like to join in the celebration and put luminaries out in front of your home or business, we encourage you to do that.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

To the Editor:

During the month of December, Bethel United Methodist Church will be celebrating "The Reason for the Season" with a Christmas tree lighting and a special service. On Saturday, Dec. 13, a public supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed with the lighting of the tree on the lawn and the reading of names of those remembered with colored lights on the tree. Morning worship on Dec. 14 will include a "Blue Christmas" service, at which time names will be offered in memory. Anyone wishing to participate may purchase memorial lights for \$5 each. Please send names to PO Box 387, Bethel 04217. Everyone in the area is invited to join this "reason for the season" celebration.

Musa Brown
Bethel

THE BOUNTY OF TURKEY TUESDAY

To the Editor:

Every year I am moved by the simple, rustic bounty of Turkey Tuesday. Two days before Thanksgiving each year Heather and Dave, owners of The Good Food Store, cook 300 pounds of turkey, make three kinds of stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, provide beer and soft drinks for the 400 or so people who come to share a community Thanksgiving. Everyone files into the cavernous VFW hall with its knotty pine walls, adorned with flags and black-and-white pictures of past VFW presidents.

It thrills me now in my dotage to see the little children finding their friends and squealing up and down the aisles of Formica tables. A new grandfather proudly presents his grandchild to me, and lets me hold him - that miraculous warm bundle. Someone helps the elderly couple find a place and later helps them get a plateful if the line is too long.

This is a community potluck, with everyone bringing his/her contribution - a pie, a cake, a vegetable, a salad. And everyone brings some non-perishable goods to place in the bins inside the door to go to the community food pantry. We bring our own dishes and cutlery, and some of us bring wine. There are the "elegants" who also bring a tablecloth, candles and a floral centerpiece to dress up their end of the Formica table. It's all in wonderful fun and bonhomie. Most come in flannel shirts, and warm pants because invariably there's a snowstorm on Turkey Tuesday. The little girls, though, come with their pink tights and Mary Jane shoes, all dressed up for the occasion.

Dave finally gets the crowd to be silent for a moment when he reads a piece about being thankful, and he thanks us for coming! It's the 18th year they have done this. There is no commercial gain, no hidden motive; it's just good people creating a good occasion in a good community.

Each year we catch up with friends we haven't run into. We see how the children have grown this year. The din is enormous as everyone goes over to this table and that table to chat. We veterans know that it's smart to check out the dessert table as you line up to get your turkey plate because if there's an especially tempting dessert, you should get a piece now before it's all gone.

It's the best of America, Norman Rockwell without sentimentality. I think of the future ahead for these merry toddlers. They already have inside them the spirit here of generosity, good will, openness. It may well stand them in good stead as they venture out into a more jaundiced world.

Ellen Crocker
Bethel

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel Animal Hospital opened their new office Dec. 7.

Bethel Boy Scouts toured the Arleigh Burke Class AEGIS destroyer, USS Donald Cook, which was under construction at Bath Iron Works.

The town of Upton took delivery of a new plow truck, a 1999 Ford F-350 with a V-10 transmission, stainless steel spreader, 9-foot Fisher plow, and Gallon dump body.

Deaths: Robert B. Jackson.

20 years ago: Foundations were in for the first phase of Riverbend Condominiums on the Sunday River Road.

Albert White, of Albany, a service technician at Car-rick Motors, was given a 1989 Chevrolet Suburban to use for one year for his exceptional performance in Chevrolet's annual mechanics competition.

Collectible character dolls from Irene Mills' collection were on display at the Bethel Library.

Births: Tonie Marie Morrin, Marie Marion Lessard, Anna Katherine Dohrman.

Deaths: John R. Swick, Maurice G. Roy.

30 years ago: The Bethel Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to Bethel's new health center.

Twenty-eight persons enrolled in the Bethel Historical Society's first ever course on Bethel history. Lecturers included Margaret Joy Tibbetts, Donald G. Bennett, and Stanley R. Howe.

The Telstar Student Council sponsored a successful Dance Marathon. Four couples made the full 24 hours.

Birth: Ryan Edmond Vaughan.

Deaths: Mrs. Florence A. Gould, Thankful A. Cobb.

40 years ago: Jane B. and Robert L. Grover, formerly of Bethel, were two of 24 new Peace Corp volunteers assigned to the Indian state of Maharashtra.

A. T. & T. donated \$8,000 worth of electronics equipment to Telstar Regional High School.

Fifth-grade students at Crescent Park School were planning a trip to Portland to tour the Mayflower II.

Deaths: Elwood F. Ireland, Mrs. Orlando George, Mrs. Nellie V. Stone.

50 years ago: The Bowling League at Central Alleys included six teams from Bethel and two from Waterford. Thursday evenings were reserved for ladies' bowling.

Winter weather had arrived with several inches of snow, below zero temperatures and slippery, unpredictable roads.

A "Know Your Money" display of counterfeit money, was on exhibit at the Bethel Savings Bank as a public service.

Deaths: Mrs. Blanche Hatstat, Mrs. Minnie M. Crawford, Edwin T. Bisbee, Mrs. William Abbott, Miss Ruth Stearns.

60 years ago: Deer tagged at Bethel inspection stations totaled 211.

Albert Franklin Stewart, Indian bass-baritone of the Chickasaw Nation, presented a program of Indian lore and song at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

70 years ago: James Spinney's new house at South Bethel was nearly completed.

Business at the Grand Trunk Station at Bethel was at a high point. Many trucks were engaged in loading "rayon" pulp and lumber.

Deaths: Arthur A. Chamberlain, Cullen Abbott.

80 years ago: A.H. Gibbs bought the True house at the head of Broad Street.

New telephones were installed in South Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Lizzie E. Lane, Mrs. Frank Russell, Edwin C. Whittemore, Miss Alice Merrill.

100 years ago: Fire at the Congregational Church started around the furnace, but was soon put out, resulting in mostly smoke and water damage.

Albert Copeland, who recently moved to his new house on Chapman Street (Bohr's) was on a business trip to New York.

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Final arguments on overflights aired at hearing

By ANN BRYANT

F-15 jet pilots from the Massachusetts Air National Guard need low-level flight training over Western Maine in order to defend the nation's borders against attacks by small airplanes and cruise missiles, Brig. Gen. Leon Rice told residents Tuesday night at a hearing.

Officers of Otis Air National Guard in Falmouth, Mass., are requesting the flight ceiling be dropped from 2,800 feet to 500 feet in the Condor Military Operation Area above Franklin, Oxford and Somerset counties.

For decades, F-15 Eagle pilots from the 102nd Fighter Wing on Cape Cod and F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots from the 158th Fighter Wing in Burlington, Vt., have used the airspace above Western Maine for maneuvers and pretend dogfights. The F-15 pilots train for air-to-air combat.

The proposal would allow both groups to fly low across an area bordered roughly from Greenville southwest to Sumner, west to Bethel, north along the Canadian border and east to Greenville.

The goal, according to Rice, is to reduce the amount of time pilots fly at low altitudes and give them better intercept training.

Terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, he said, revealed a weakness in the military's ability to defend the country's borders from a low-altitude attack by a small airplane or cruise missile.

"We figured out we can't do 100 percent of our training at medium or high level altitudes," he added.

The proposal calls for intercept training where F15 pilots flying at heights of about 7,000 feet would drop down to 500 feet to find and intercept

a target before soaring back to higher altitudes. Air training is being done now at heights below 3,000 feet for 30 minutes, he said. The proposal would drop the low flights to 10 minutes out of a 30-minute run, he added.

Rice also explained that Western Maine flight corridor provides an area 60 miles by 100 miles that is better than those in New Hampshire and New York.

Some among the small group of residents at the fifth and final hearing on the proposal again asked for a full environmental impact study and questioned the need to drop the ceiling.

State Rep. Tom Saviello, U-Wilton, said he agreed with Gov. John Baldacci calling for such a study.

Rice said the military doesn't need permission from state officials but has worked to include them in the plans.

Guy Griscom of Avon told Rice, "The people here are not against the military but get their dander up when things are being withheld."

Rice had previously explained that the military was not trying to withhold information.

The economic impact was another major concern raised by residents. The revisions to the first impact study do not address the impact on the economy and eco-tourism, Emily Ecker said.

The impact on local airports and the potential for problems with the military using a larger air space for training were raised by Nancy O'Toole of Phillips, an environmental engineer who questioned the military's "see and avoid" visual flight rules.

The military hopes to file the proposal with the FAA next spring, Rice said.

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The general architectural theme and style is best described as a mix between the Grand National Park Lodges "Parkitecture" and smaller scale Adirondack Camps and New England Cottages of the Eastern U.S. Every frontier has a leader and already these "hybrid" mixed media designs are blending with the natural elements on Morganite Way.

Merrill Hill's second street Tourmaline Way with underground power and fiber optics is now gearing up for the start of these style homes inspirational in every way. Tourmaline was the first gemstone to be mined in the U.S. by miners other than pre-historic man or Native Americans. Tourmaline mining began at Mt. Mica in 1822. One of the greatest contributors to Oxford County's resources came from Loren B. Merrill producing both gem quality and mineral specimens of tourmaline. Maine sets the standards for tourmaline and Merrill Hill Estates sets the standards for Natural Elegance in the heart of Sunday River with land so precious the streets are named for gemstones found in the region. Merrill Hill is The Crown Jewel of Sunday River. Call today for information on The Discovery Collection

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Briefly

More money OK'ed for road work

NEWRY—A dozen voters Monday approved the use of \$15,842 from the Capital Improvement Account to cover an overage in expenses to fix the Sunday River Road near the Letter S swimming hole. D.A. Wilson is doing the project. Town Administrator Loretta Powers said more time was required to do blasting at the site than had been anticipated. Voters in July approved \$90,000 for the project. The road will be paved in the spring, and voters will consider funds for that work at the annual Town Meeting in March, Powers said. Selectmen said in the future the town will request more precise estimates of project expenses and will oversee more closely the progress of the work.

Plenty of pellets, suppliers say

PORTLAND—Maine retailers and consumers are being reassured that households that heat their homes with fuel pellets will have an adequate supply this winter. The state's pellet fuel manufacturers issued a statement Tuesday to allay fears about current shortages. It said those shortages came about when many consumers stockpiled their entire winter supply in the fall. The manufacturers say production is up fivefold over the same time a year ago, and they plan to double production again within six months. Many Maine households shifted to pellet stoves following last winter's big spike in heating oil prices.

Beetles on the prowl

AUGUSTA—A batch of predatory beetles from Virginia will be released later this week to help fight the invasion of hemlock woolly adelgid found in trees in southern Maine. Entomologist Allison Kanoti with the Maine Forest Service, Maine Department of Conservation, will release about 500 of *Laricobius nigrinus*, a tiny, black beetle being sent from a Virginia Tech lab. The beetles will be released hungry and ready to snack around 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the York Water District. It is hoped they will get established and their descendants will help reduce HWA populations. HWA is an invasive insect that destroys hemlocks, a tree species that helps preserve Maine's water quality. Local residents in the Kennebunkport area are being asked to examine their trees for HWA signs and to report their findings to the Maine Forest Service. To report HWA, call or email: Allison Kanoti, Maine Forest Service Insect and Disease Lab, 50 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME 04330; (207) 287-3147; Allison.kanoti@maine.gov. For more information, go to: <http://www.maineforestservice.org/HemlockWoollyAdelgid.htm>.

Economy slows down Old Town

OLD TOWN—The slumping economy is being blamed for a slowdown in the production schedule at Old Town Canoe. The company says work hours have been cut for some employees as fewer canoes and kayaks were produced last week. Spokeswoman Lana Phillips says the cutback was designed to reduce inventory and overhead. She said the temporary slowdown is likely to be repeated around Christmas. Phillips says no one has been laid off, and the company's financial condition remains good. Old Town Canoe, one of the largest employers in Old Town, is a subsidiary of Wisconsin-based Johnson Outdoors.

CORRECTION

ON HONOR ROLL—Fourth-grader Joshua Eliot should have been included as an Honors student in last week's Honor Roll at Crescent Park Elementary School.

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Generator

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the generator would avoid the need to turn the busses around.

The vote to buy the generator came on the heels of an announcement that the district would have to cut \$162,000 from its current budget because of a cutback in state aid, and a prediction that the district may receive only flat funding in upcoming budget years.

That prompted Bethel director Pat Nasta to urge Murphy to seek other grants to pay the balance.

Murphy said he would do that, and acknowledged the timing for coming up with extra money was not the

best. But the 1,600-amp generator matches the available current coming into the building, he said.

Because Telstar does not use that full capacity now, there is potential for upgrading usage without having to get a larger generator.

A 1,200-amp generator would cost \$7,000 less.

The grant was obtained through the assistance of Scott Parker, Oxford County's Emergency Management director.

Murphy said Parker has been very helpful with the grant and long-term emergency planning for the district.

4-H Camp

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of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Pine Tree State 4-H Foundation and the Conservation School.

The initiative has enabled expansion of the experiential natural resource and outdoor education programs that the Maine Conservation School had offered for more than 50 years, the release said.

The 4-H Camp and Learning Center's new school and community programs currently reach more than 2,100 youth participants in spring, summer, and fall programs. Plans are also underway for further program development.

"The new building would allow us to offer programs through the winter," said Scott Olsen, the camp's marketing and outreach direc-

tor. During the warmer seasons, the school currently has bed space available for 120 students, he said.

The Board of Directors and administration has made it a priority to expand the facilities to enable year-round programming, according to the release.

The mission of Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center is to provide affordable, experiential education in nature and in the development of outdoor skills, within a natural setting, for people of all ages and backgrounds.

For more information on the school or to contribute to the effort, go to www.umext.maine.edu/bryantpond or call 665-2068.

Umbagog

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draft plan:

They include:

"Based on public input, designated areas on the refuge would be open to certain public uses not included in the original proposal. These include dog sledding, horseback riding and bicycling, and the collection of berries, fiddleheads, mushrooms and shed antlers.

"The number of acres proposed for acquisition from willing sellers would be 47,807 acres. The Service is now proposing the acquisition of 56 percent of these lands in fee title (full ownership) and 44 percent in conservation easement, rather than 65 percent in fee title and 35 percent in

easement.

"Alternative B has been clarified to more clearly state that the Service is not recommending significant changes to current hunting or fishing regulations on existing or proposed refuge lands.

"Snowmobile and other vehicular access, horseback riding and dog sledding would be provided on designated trails and roads on both existing and future refuge lands. The refuge would remain closed to ATV use.

"Decisions relating to fur-bearer management and trapping, and the expansion of the hunting program to include turkey and bobcat seasons, would be deferred and consid-

ered during separate public involvement periods.

"Alternative B has been clarified to more clearly state that forest management would be used as a habitat management tool to help fulfill management objectives."

Open House Dec. 16

The Service will hold an open house Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 7-9 p.m. at the Errol, N.H., Town Hall to provide information and address questions about the plan.

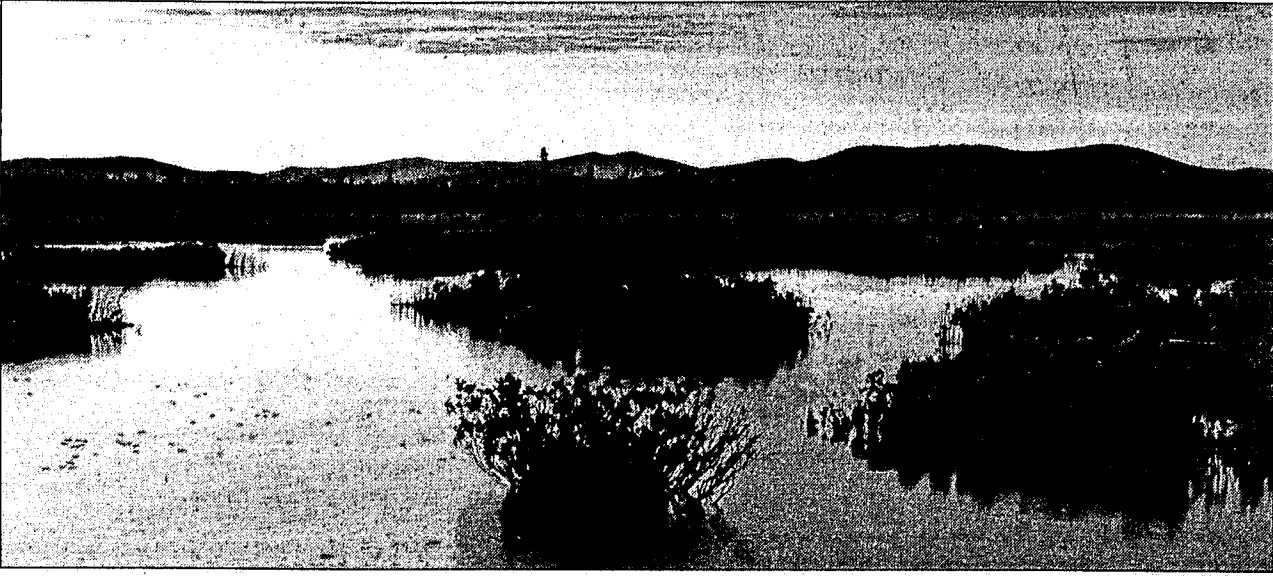
The final report is available online at: www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Lake%20Umbagog/ccphome.html.

Copies on CD-ROM, and a limited number of hard cop-

ies, are available by contacting: Nancy McGarigal, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr., Hadley, MA 01035 (413) 253-8562. She may also be reached by e-mail at northeastplanning@fws.gov.

A link to the report can also be found on The Citizen's homepage: bethelcitizen.com.

For readers looking for a more concise summary of the report and the latest changes to it, Refuge Manager Paul Casey suggests the 90-page Appendix O of the on-line version, which summarizes public comments to the draft plan and the Service's responses to them.



HARPERS MEADOW, in the Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

(USFWS photo)

Remembered

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burn brush."

Murray Thurston, who had to raise \$90,000 to make a go of the slope, sold lifetime and five-year passes and stock in his Bethel Area Development Corp. Then, the group applied for a \$40,000 Small Business Association loan to bridge the gap needed to open.

"The first and probably only SBA loan to start a ski area was given to Sunday River," Fuzzy said last year. "One of the first big investors, which means he probably had \$250 in it, hid a bottle of Scotch next to a brook on the way up the mountain. He poured the SBA guy three glasses, and that's how they got the loan.

That's fact."

Sunday River opened for business on Dec. 19, 1959, and struggled along until the early 1970s when it was purchased by Killington Ski Area in Vermont. Les Otten, one of Killington's young managers and a Bethel native, bought the Barker Mountain operation, leading the development of the resort to its current configuration.

Boyne Resorts, Sunday River's newest owner, has poured \$19 million in capital investments into the resort in the past year, including a new chair/gondola lift and expanded hiking and biking trails. On Tuesday, Boyne

announced its highest real estate dollar volume in sales in a single month since the mountain boasted condominium development.

"Sunday River is on track to have its most successful year ever," said Mark Hall, director of development for Sunday River, which now consists of a compound some 3 miles wide, with 700 resort condominiums and two full-service hotels.

It's a world away from Thurston's vision to carve out a place where members of the community could enjoy skiing for 75 cents a day, hauling themselves up the mountain on a 400-foot tow rope for

each pass down the trail. It was a place carved out of the wilderness by volunteers and maintained by a core group of supporters.

"There was no reason to believe there would ever be anything more than that," Fuzzy said. "There was never any sort of grand scheme."

It's been quite a ride, he said.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel with a reception following at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy.

For more information, see page 24.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of community interest.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Now with Thanksgiving past and left-over turkey providing endless sandwiches, soups and pies we turn our thoughts to Christmas.

Wreaths with berries and red bows will be hung on front doors and twinkling lights on eaves and trees will turn every neighborhood into enchanted villages. We will prepare for the Christmas to come and reflect on the Christmases past. This is the melancholy of the season.

I can tell you that I was feeling pretty darn melancholy when I read that Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree hit the airwaves for the first time 50 years ago. Brenda Lee, aka Little Miss Dynamite, recorded that perennial favorite in 1958.

Though it seems like there has never been a time when we didn't "rock around the Christmas tree" I can actually remember the first time I heard the rock 'n roll classic.

It may have been American Bandstand or it may have been another television show, I'm not clear on that, but I do remember seeing Brenda Lee sing it and thinking "Wow, that rocks!"

In 1958 at 10 years old I was caught in the crossroads of adolescence. I was still a little girl enjoying little girl things and believing that Santa would ful-

fill my Christmas dreams. But, I wanted to be a teenager doing the jitterbug and wearing lipstick and Blue Waltz perfume.

That Christmas, the one of 1958, I received a Barbie doll. A genuine Barbie with a couple of outfits and if I had never torn open the packages and put them all away I could have retired by now. But, that is true of most of the toys we played with and often destroyed in childhood.

I can actually remember the first time I heard the rock 'n roll classic.

Also that Christmas I received a card from a relative that contained a \$5 bill. This was a fortune to a 10-year-old child in 1958.

The day after Christmas I took my fortune to J. J. Newberry's and blew it on a Campbell's Soup kids cooking set complete with eight miniature cans of soup, a pan to heat them in, a bowl and a ladle. I also bought a tube of bright red lipstick, which I wasn't supposed to have and a 45 R.P.M. record of "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree." More items that could contribute to my retirement fund if only I still had them.

The soup was all heated and eaten, the lipstick was eventually confiscated by my mother, but that record was played over and over and over until it could be played no more.

Recently a friend showed me a newspaper clipping from 1964 that had a picture of me. Sometimes it's hard to believe that I was ever sweet 16, but I do remember it quite well.

That Christmas my prize gifts were a pink angora sweater and a bucket bag, the pocketbook that was all the rage at the time. I received the annual card with a \$5 bill and with it bought lipstick I did get to wear and a new 45 R.P.M. of Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree.

I wore the pink angora sweater so much it started to unravel. The bucket bag, though a favorite of mine, I tossed out when the boyfriend whose name I had written all over it broke up with me. And Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree was played over and over and over until it could be played no more.

All of those relics of my youth are long gone but are still held dear in the museum of my memory. It's comforting that Brenda Lee's holiday classic is still a favorite fifty years later and the way I see it Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree will rock on for many more Christmases to come.

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Your Guide to Surviving the Holidays!

Events Around the Area

Country Christmas in Bethel • December 28-December 22

Many fun events take place in Bethel on weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas... Holiday activities and events include the Taste of Bethel & Theme Wreath Silent Auction, Business & Home Expo, and Parents Group Auction (all on Dec 6), Christmas tree lighting & arrival of Santa (Dec 6), horse-drawn wagon rides on Saturdays, shopping specials, open houses, promotions, entertainment, The Living Nativity (Dec. 21) -- a real country Christmas atmosphere! FMI 824-2282

Christmas with the Masons • Thursday, December 4

Music and refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles—a once-a-year event! 6:00 to 8:00 PM; free and open to the public. FMI 824-2908

Business & Home Expo, Taste of Bethel, Theme Wreath Auction, Parents Group Auction • Thursday, December 6

Business & Home Expo: 10:00-3:00PM: This expo will provide the opportunity for all businesses to come together to show who they are; what they do, describe their services and products, and connect with other businesses as well as with members of the community. **Taste of Bethel:** Noon-2PM: Sample the delicious specialties that our area restaurants prepare. Main dishes, appetizers, desserts. \$1 per sample. This is a great way to see what our local restaurants offer. **Theme Wreath Silent Auction:** Noon-2PM: Area businesses decorate one-of-a-kind wreaths for you to bid on. They make a nice holiday touch for your home or business. Many of them have gift certificates attached to them! (Come bid; you don't need to stay to be highest bidder.) **Telstar & 5th Grade Crescent Park School Parents Group Auction:** 3:00PM This event is being held immediately following the Business Expo in the Telstar Auditorium. This auction is one of the major fundraisers for both groups and businesses are being asked to support it in some way. FMI 824-2282 or www.bethelmaine.com for a complete list of participants and sponsors.

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides! • Saturday, December 6

2:00-4:00pm. Deepwood Farm will be offering horse-drawn wagon rides for your enjoyment. What a fun thing to do on Saturday afternoon after attending the Taste of Bethel and Business Expo! Bring the whole family; meet at the Bethel common. Thanks to Oxford Networks for sponsoring this event!

Arrival of Santa & Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 6

Bethel's long-standing tradition of welcoming Santa to the Bethel Common for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be a great culmination of the day, on Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 pm. Santa will have treats for all the young and young-at-heart!

Christmas Fair and Tea • Saturday, December 6

1:00-4:00pm at West Parish Congregational Church. Treat yourself to a cup of tea, while taking in the fair. Handcrafted gifts and decorations, wreaths, table arrangements, baked goods, attic treasures, and, of course, a cookie walk.

Breakfast with Santa • Saturday, December 6

Crescent Park Elementary School from 9-11am. Food & beverages, holiday crafts & photo opportunities with Santa. Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Group.

Mahosoc Community Band Concert • Sunday, December 7

The Mahosoc Community Band will present its annual Christmas concert at 4:00pm. All are welcome. No charge. Refreshments available.

9th Annual Santa Sunday • Sunday, December 7

Join Sunday River in celebrating the arrival of winter and the upcoming holidays with our 9th Annual Santa Sunday. Help raise money for a good cause by dressing in a full Santa costume and ski or ride for free. In addition you will receive free early-season lift tickets. Pre-registration is required and is limited to the first 250 Santa. Santa Sunday will begin with registration at 7:30-10:30am in the Welcome Center and then a photo at 11:00am, Slopeside South Ridge. Come celebrate the holidays Santa-style! Log onto www.sundaysriver.com or call 800-543-25K1 for more information.

Local Holiday Shop Around • Friday, December 12

Participating "Buy Local" merchants will be open until 8pm for your shopping convenience. Who's participating? Make sure to look for the hand-decorated luminaries lining business doorways. There will be Christmas carolers, craft making, holiday skits and readings, a community dance, harps playing and music making, and there will be a roaming santa. Don't forget to use your Reward card at participating businesses. For more information and a list of participating businesses see the gold insert in this week's Citizen. A complete list of Local Holiday Shop Around events and details will be available in the December 4 edition of The Bethel Citizen.

Christmas Open House • Saturday, December 13

Annual Christmas open house. Visit from Santa, free hot fudge sundaes, Maine foods for sampling, sales all day, free drawing to enter, and an appearance by the composer of the "Maine Christmas Song," Con Fullam. Free gift wrapping, and friendly service! Shop local, help the local economy thrive, and save on gas! Maine Line Products annual open house will be Saturday, December 13 from 9 - 5 at our Greenwood location. We will have a visit from Santa from 11 - 1, samples of clam chowder and other Maine foods and FREE HOT FUDGE SUNDAES made with our own fresh homemade chocolate fudge. We will also be having special sales throughout the day and a free drawing to enter. There will also be a special appearance by composer, Con Fullam, who wrote the "Maine Christmas Song." He will be signing and helping us sell the Maine Christmas Song CD's. There will be lots of fun and, as always, free gift wrapping and friendly service. Please shop local and join us in helping to keep our local people employed. FMI 875-2522

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2:00-4:00pm. Deepwood Farm will be offering horse-drawn wagon rides for your enjoyment. What a fun thing to do on Saturday afternoon after attending the Taste of Bethel and Business Expo! Bring the whole family; meet at the Bethel common.

The Living Nativity • Sunday, December 13

Local people re-enact the Christmas story on the village common. Sunday evening at 5:00PM. This is an annual community event with live animals, singing of Christmas carols and great performances by the local people...adults and children. Anyone in the community is welcome to be a part of this. Contact Drew Webster to let him know you want to participate. Live animals needed also. FMI 824-2715

These Sweet Treats Make Perfect Gifts for Friends and Neighbors

Candy Cane Puffs

Just right for giving, these look so pretty in a Christmas tin!

- 2½ cups all purpose flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp peppermint extract
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 oz pkg white chocolate chips
- ½ cup peppermint candies, finely crushed

Combine flour and salt; set aside. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and extracts. Mix into flour mixture using low speed. Wrap dough in plastic wrap; refrigerate for one hour. Shape dough into walnut-size balls; place on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes; cool. Melt white chocolate chips in a double boiler; dip cooled cookies into melted chocolate. Roll in crushed peppermint candy; set on wax paper until hardened. Makes about 4 dozen.

Lollipop Cookies

Great party treats or a just-for-fun snack!

- 18½ oz pkg vanilla cake mix
- 1/3 cup oil
- 2 eggs
- 20 to 24 wooden popsicle sticks
- 16 oz tub of your favorite frosting

Combine cake mix, oil and eggs together; drop by rounded tablespoonfuls 3 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Insert top inch of a wooded stick into each mound of dough; bake for 8 to 11 minutes in a 375 degree oven. Cool completely; frost. Makes about 2 dozen.

Chocolate-Orange Balls

These taste best when made early in December and stored for a week or two.

- 6 oz pkg semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tbsp corn syrup
- ½ cup orange juice
- 2½ cups vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- Garnish assortment of colored sugars

Combine chocolate chips, sugar and corn syrup in a heavy saucepan; heat and stir until chocolate is melted. Remove from heat; stir in orange juice. Add vanilla wafer crumbs and nuts; mix well. Chill until firm. Form dough into one-inch balls; roll in colored sugar. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 to 4 weeks. Makes about one pound.

Snowballs

So simple...no baking!

- 1 cup butter
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 lb pkg plus ¾ cup powdered sugar, divided
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats, uncooked
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

Combine butter, peanut butter, one pound powdered sugar, coconut, chocolate chips, oats and vanilla extract. Shape mixture into walnut-size balls; roll in remaining powdered sugar. Store in refrigerator. Makes 4 to 5 dozen.

Magical Sugar Cookies

Leave out the vanilla and substitute ½ teaspoon lemon extract and 2 teaspoons lemon zest for a yummy variation!

- 4 cups all purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter-flavored shortening
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp hot water

Combine flour, salt and sugar; cut in shortening until coarse crumbs form. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. In a measuring cup, dissolve baking soda in hot water; add to flour mixture. Knead lightly, then roll to ½ inch thickness and cut with your favorite cookie cutter. Place on an ungreased baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes; do not let brown. Cool and frost. Depending on the size of your cookie cutter, makes approximately 4 to 5 dozen.

FROSTING:

- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 1 tbsp butter, melted
- 1 tbsp milk
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ½ tsp lemon juice

Blend together all ingredients until smooth. Makes 1/3 cup frosting.

Christmas Wreath Cookies

The next time your kids enjoy a "snow day", spend part of it making these quick and easy cookies.

- 30 marshmallows
- ½ cup margarine
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp green food coloring
- 3½ cups corn flake cereal
- Garnish marshmallow cherries

Heat marshmallows, margarine, vanilla, and food coloring in a double boiler until marshmallows melt. Spread corn flake cereal on a baking sheet and carefully pour marshmallow mixture over cereal. Blend well and as mixture cools, form in wreath shapes. Add whole or sliced cherries on top to resemble holly berries. Makes about 2 dozen.

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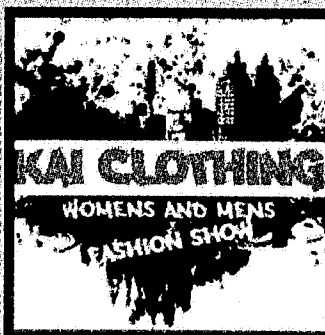
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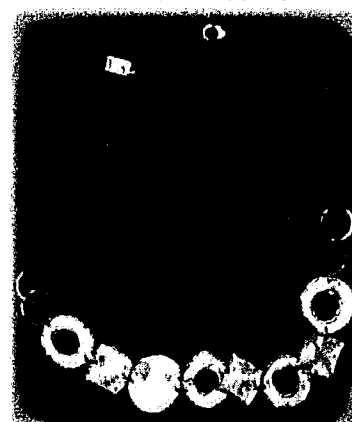
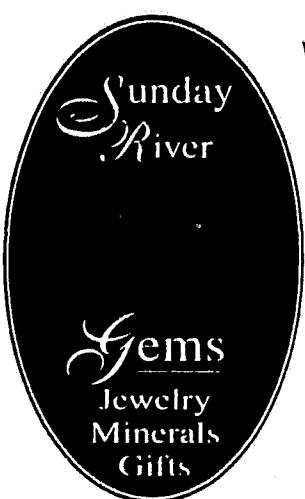
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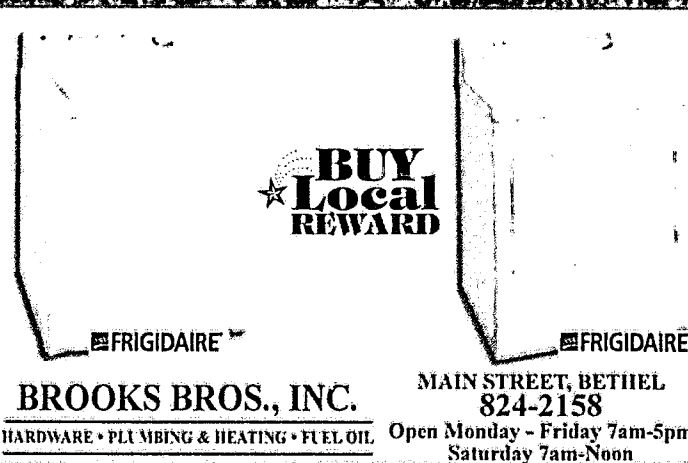
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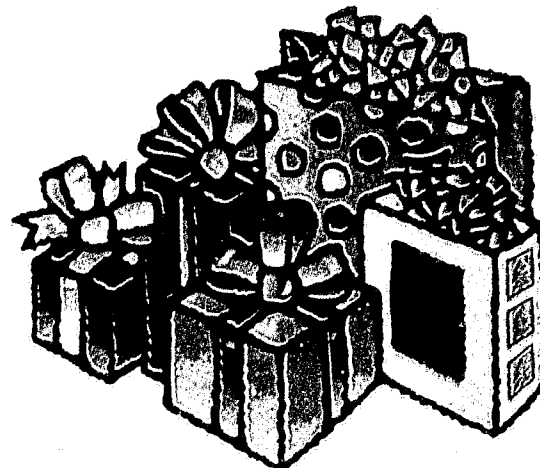
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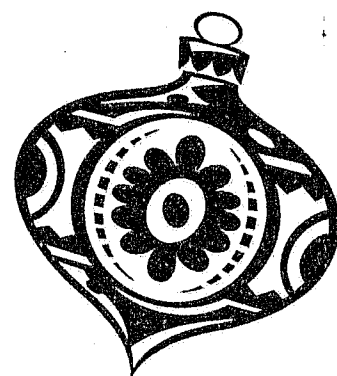
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2. Cut out the shapes with your Crayola Cutter. Children 3 years and younger can tear their shapes.
3. Decorate both sides of each paper shape using one of these techniques: - Outline a shape with Crayola Twistables® Slick Stix™ Crayons, marking all around the edges with thick, bright color. Use a bit of paper towel to brush color into the center of the shape. - Color the entire surface with a heavy layer of Crayola Crayon. Use a paper towel to rub the wax so it shines. - Create bright designs with Crayola Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils. Combine two or three different ones for unusual effects
4. Arrange your decorated shapes in pairs. On one shape, cut a slit from the top down to the center. Cut a slit in the matching shape from the bottom up to the center.
5. Fit shapes together by sliding slits over each other. Use a hole punch to make a hole in the top of the ornament and tie with ribbon.

Ice Skate Ornaments

Be on the cutting edge of cool with these ice skate ornaments. Hang on your family Christmas tree and make as gifts for teachers and relatives.

1. Draw a small ice skate on construction paper with Crayola® Metallic Crayons. Cut two skates exactly the same size with Crayola Scissors.

2. With a hole punch, make a border of holes around the edges of both skates. Thread yarn through the holes to sew the two pieces together.
3. Decorate your skate with wintry crayon designs.
4. Slip paper clips in the bottoms of the skates for blades.
5. Loop yarn through a hole at the top and tie to hang the ice skates on a tree or in a window

Sparkly Snowflake Ornament

These ornaments are "snow" pretty! Capture the sparkle of freshly fallen snowflakes!

1. Follow the directions to use your Crayola Cutter. Cut out the center of a small paper plate—or make other more intricate interior cuts—to create holes in the plate.
2. Be creative! Use Crayola Twistables® Crayons to decorate around the edges of your cut-outs.
3. Cover the holes with tape so the sticky side faces the front of the ornament. On the sticky tape, spread Crayola Glitter Glue to create a "snowy" look! Use more glitter glue to decorate the edges of your ornament. Air-dry the glitter glue on one side before turning it over to decorate the other side.
4. Cut a little hole at the top of the ornament. Insert yarn, string, or ribbon and tie. Hang your sparkling snowflake in a window or doorway for everyone to enjoy! Why not make several to decorate for the winter?

Translucent Star Ornament

Twinkle, twinkle....craft these easy stars for sun catchers or holiday ornaments. Decorate packages or give stars as gifts, too.

1. Cover your art area with recycled newspaper. Shape a colorful chenille stick into a star or any shape you like. Lay it flat on a recycled plastic container lid. Make a whole constellation if you wish!

2. Pour some Crayola® School Glue into a small paper cup. Add a few drops of Crayola Washable Kid's Paint. Mix with a craft stick.
3. Gently pour the mixture into the star form. It will dry clear.
4. Air-dry the star at least 24 hours. Add a second layer of the glue/paint mixture if you wish.
5. Gently pull the dry star from the plastic lid. Slide ribbon or yarn between the chenille stick and the molded glue to make a hanger.

Origami Christmas Ornaments

Origami Christmas Ornaments will quickly become a family favorite!

1. Using Crayola® Scissors, cut black or dark blue construction paper into a square. Fold the square in half by matching two opposite corners. You now have a triangle.
2. Place the triangle on a flat surface with the folded side at the bottom. Fold up the bottom left corner so it touches the mid-point of the right side of the triangle. Fold the bottom right corner over so it touches the mid-point of the left side of the triangle.
3. You now have two smaller triangles at the top. Fold the front triangle down over the folded pieces. Attach it with a Crayola Glue Stick. Tuck the back triangle inside the bell-shaped ornament.
4. Using Crayola Gel Markers, draw Christmas symbols on your ornament. Add Crayola Glitter Glue to create an even more festive look. Dry.
5. Gently stretch your bell open. Punch a small hole in the back of the bell near the top. Run ribbon or yarn through to the inside and knot for hanging.

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Monday Dec. 1

At 6:10 p.m. Lt. S.R. White issued a trespass notice to a subject at the request of the manager of a village business.

Sunday, Nov. 30

At 9:59 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the Chandler Hill Rd for a report of a vehicle left in a logging yard overnight. The complainant said she had seen the owner in the woods but was not seen coming out. It was found the owner had been picked up by another driver.

Saturday, Nov. 29

(Time not available) Officer George Gould responded to Mason St. for a report of a noise problem.

(Time not available) on Mayville Rd. Officer George Gould arrested Kenneth J. Scott, 42,, for possession for a usable amount of marijuana.

At 10:55 a.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Broad St. for a report of a vehicle speeding. There was no contact.

At 11:28 a.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted Bethel Rescue with a call on Church St.

Friday, Nov. 28

At 12:32 a.m. Officer George Gould responded to Chapman St. for a telephone harassment incident.

Thursday, Nov. 27

At 9:30 a.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to the Sunday River Rd. for a report of a vehicle operating erratically. The officer spoke to the driver.

At 4:50 p.m. at intersection of Parkway and Route 2 Lt. S.R. White arrested Louis G. Burrows, 22, of Fremont, N.H. for operating without a license.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

At 7:46 a.m. Officer Crystal Aylward assisted the Fire Department on Church St. for a burning odor in a building.

At 1:55 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to a 911 hangup call on the Walkers Mills Rd. A child had been playing with the phone.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

At 9:40 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a local residence for a harassment complaint.

November Tally of BPD Activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, animal complaints, etc.): 108
Arrests: 14
Warnings: 40
Citations (speeding tickets and other moving violations): 69
Motor vehicle defect stops/warnings: 10
Vehicle crashes: 1
Patrol Checks: 3

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Nov. 28, 7:10 p.m.: Laurence B. Bean, 32, of Woodstock, possession of firearm by prohibited person, unsworn falsification, by Deputy Nathan Jamo on Rumford Ave. in Woodstock.

Nov. 27, 12:40 p.m.: Louis G. Burrows, 22, of Fremont, N.H., operating without a license; by BPD Lt. S.R. White in Bethel.

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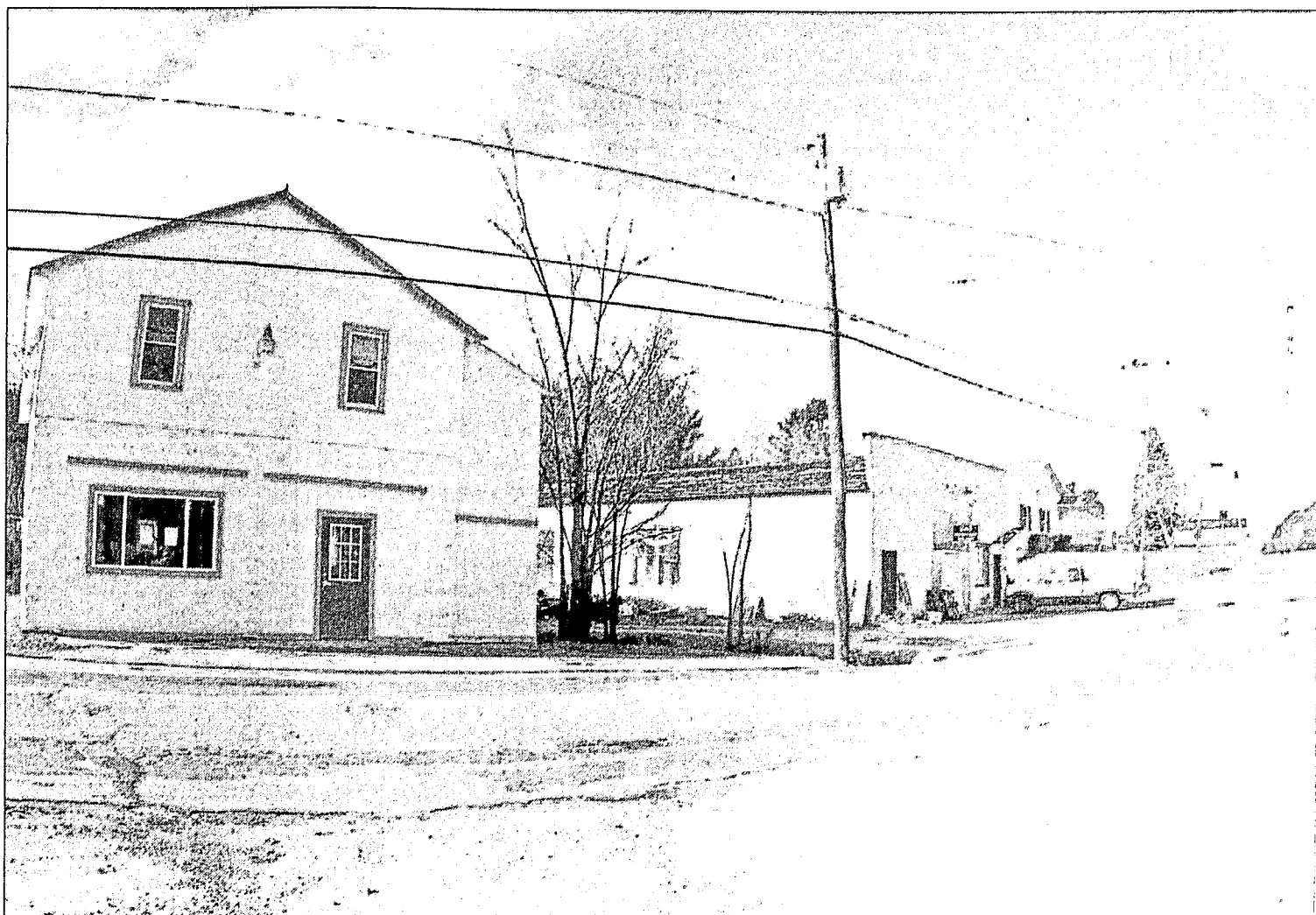
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Recreation Center

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FUTURE OF BUILDING DISCUSSED—Woodstock selectmen are discussing the possibility of selling the recreation building (left) in Bryant Pond Village. The structure, formerly a fire station, has seen little use since improvements were made to it several years ago. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

the center — only feet from the pavement on Railroad Street — is a safety concern.

"Every time I go by and you're having a sign up, there's kids running around," he said. "I was waiting for somebody to get hurt. I watch the traffic there and I cringe."

Young proposed that the town sell the building and possibly put the funds toward im-

provements in the basement of the Whitman Memorial Library.

"We have a library in town that's centrally located. It has a nice basement in it. There's ample room around it for parking," he said.

If they seriously consider selling the old building, selectmen said, they would need to offer to return private do-

nations made toward its use.

Cozzolino said he favored looking at the options. He also said he had some ideas for improvements.

The board suggested Cozzolino make a list of ideas.

They also plan to tour the current recreation building.

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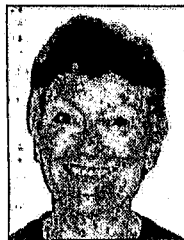
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West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh

Last Tuesday (before Thanksgiving) we had around six inches of heavy, wet snow before it turned to rain, enough to bring rivers and streams almost to flood stage. That was the day that I drove to the Turkey Farm in New Sharon to pick up the Thanksgiving bird. Not very good planning. It was quite possibly the worst conditions I have ever driven in, 70 miles each way. But I survived, had a nice lunch with daughter and son-in-law at UMF, and shopped at Hannaford in Farmington on the way.

On Wednesday last week Mike spotted a pair of hooded mergansers in a beaver pond on Grover Hill Road. Here at the Hochstead we were visited by a flock of about nine evening grosbeaks. It's always a treat to see them, the males spectacular in their gold, black, and white plumage, the females more modestly dressed. They appear all of a sudden, and disappear just as suddenly, sometimes returning several times, and sometimes not.

Thanksgiving dinner at daughter Martha's was wonderful. There were 20 of us at table, with a vast and delicious array of turkey, stuffing, cranberry relishes, mashed potatoes, gravy, candied yams, a variety of green vegetables and salad, and four kinds of pie for dessert! The biggest problem was that most of us ate so many hors d'oeuvres that we had trouble stuffing ourselves with the real food. Every year I swear I won't do that, and you know what the road to Hell is paved with. . .

It was lovely to have all three daughters, their husbands, and all six grandchildren together. In addition, we had Mike's cousin and his wife, Eric and Lucia Schwarz, and their son, Peter Schwarz and his wife, Kathy and sons, Nick and Chris. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of all.

Jane Hosterman went to her daughter's home in Massachusetts, leaving on Wednesday and returning on Saturday. Their holiday meal was at the home of Jane's daughter-in-law's aunt, an event which has become a family tradition.

The Westleighs, Linda and Reg, entertained Linda's Aunt Isabel, of Lexington, Mass., for the holiday weekend. The big feast was shared with Lisa and Paul Pivin; their daughter and son-in-law, Annie and Brandon, along with little Madison; and Jim Westleigh and his son, Austin. Lisa's daughter Laura was in Portland where she prepared the turkey dinner for her boyfriend's family.

On Sunday Linda and Reg took grandson Austin to see the Polar Express. Austin was thrilled with the ride and the whole experience, including having his photo taken with Santa Claus. In this case one wonders who had more fun, Austin or Grammie and Grampa. Probably a toss-up.

Friday morning brought more snow, about two inches or so. Daughter Kate and I went to Martha's to retrieve odds and ends, and Andrew and his dad were out skiing around the yard. I'll wait for a few more inches of cover.

Christmas season is in full swing, and sometimes folks can get carried away. Witness the Wal-Mart crowd that stampeded into the store on Long Island last Friday, killing one employee and injuring others. What is wrong with this picture? What is so important in any store at any time that such insanity happens?

Speaking of the Christmas season, this Saturday morning is the occasion of the annual greens sale at the West Bethel Union Church, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The ladies have been making wreaths all week, so there will be plenty from which to choose.

Also on Saturday, starting at 1, will be the annual Christmas Fair and Tea at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. This is always a good opportunity to find special gifts for family and friends, as well as to enjoy tea and "crumpets" with your neighbors.

Sunday night brought another five inches of heavy, wet

snow, followed by a misty drizzle toward morning. It wasn't as hard to clear as last week's precipitation, however, and thank heavens for that. Right now it's looking quite wintry out there, but wait a minute, and we'll have temps in the 40s and lots of rain!

Time to make the wreaths, write the Christmas letter, finish the knitting projects, and get the shopping done. And already there are only three weeks left until the big day! My one-track mind won't let me concentrate on more than one holiday at a time, so it always throws me for a loop once turkey day has passed, and there is so little time left until Christmas. One of these days I've got to get organized.

Let me know what you're doing, now and in the future. I promise that I won't write about any trips until you have returned from them, and I will do my best to be accurate. Contact me at 836-3011 or dhoeh@megalink.net.

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

Winter has definitely arrived! Last Tuesday's storm was really miserable to drive in and now there is more snow coming down on Sunday night. The winter birds are coming back slowly. Of course the chickadees, blue jays and mourning doves are here along with the tufted titmouse, juncos, nuthatches, sparrows and woodpeckers. We were also pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal the other day.

My brother, Steve McLain, had a call from his son Joe recently. Joe is doing quite well out in Montana. He hopes to get a chance to do some hiking now that their hunting season is over.

Aline Dupont hosted a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of her father, Gerard Dupont. Those attending were Steve and Lise McLain, Andre and Eileen Dupont and Aline's daughter and husband, Jennifer and Lee Norris.

Fernand and Beverley Corriveau went to Fred and Sue



MOPPING UP—Heavy rains last Tuesday night caused the roof in the three-story Cole Block building in Bethel to leak all the way down to the first floor, where the Town Office is located. Several ceiling tiles and the carpeting in the meeting room were soaked. Here, custodian Bob Schuesler vacuums the carpet.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Corriveau's home on Thursday for Thanksgiving Dinner with a few members of the family. Then on Friday, Fernand and Bev had a gathering of 48 people at their house for dinner.

Hugh and I went to Gorham to have Thanksgiving Dinner with Tim and Michele last Saturday. Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau of Berlin, were there along with the grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney. After dinner, we celebrated Annie's 6th birthday. Everyone was pretty full from dinner, but we made room for some birthday cake.

Andre and Eileen Dupont hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday at their home in Gorham. Those attending were Lise McLain, Tommy, Jennifer and Andy Dupont, Michael Dupont, Gerard Dupont, Aline Dupont and

Aline's son and his wife, Jarrod and Paige Crockett.

We got a phone call from Tim last Sunday afternoon and he told us that Michele had taken Sidney to the hospital. Within a couple of hours, she was in the operating room having her appendix removed! She was home the next morning and doing OK.

Town Office

Just as a reminder: Town Office hours for the Tax Collector are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The town books will be closing on Dec. 31. Any real estate taxes that are unpaid at this time will be listed in the Annual Town Report.

The Town Clerk will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. As far as dog licenses go, if the rabies shot is current, the process can be completed by mail. Remember that there is a rabies clinic at the Bethel Fire Station on Dec. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Before long, the new hunting and fishing licenses will be arriving. Please remember that the clerk is available on Tuesdays, so plan ahead to pick up those licenses for Christmas presents.

Selectmen's Meeting

The next selectmen's meeting will be held on Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

Fire Dept. Meeting

This month's meetings of the GFD will be at the fire station at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 and then again on Dec. 23.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel



by
Nancy Mercer

Ken Grover got a nice "looking deer" recently. Nina Mollicone had Thanksgiving dinner with Carolyn and Conrad Grant in Winterport. Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta, Alice Grant of Cape Elizabeth, Marty and Priscilla Jackson and children of Bradley, and Mandy Emerson and children also enjoyed dinner with the Grants.

Flossie and Andre Bernier hosted a big Thanksgiving dinner in their new house off 232 in Rumford. Ryan and Sheila Bernier and Alexandra of Camden, S.C.; Danielle Bernier, Jerry Bernier and friend Tess and her daughter; Charlotte and Paul Kimball; Geneva and Larry Pelletier of Auburn, N.H.; Mike and Heidi Bourque and children of Gosstown, N.H.; Jody and Nicole Pelletier and child from Gosstown, N.H.; Bruce and Velora Tuominen and children of North Norway, Steve and Christine Goss of Douglasville, Ga., and Tom Evans of Chelmsford, Mass., were all there to partake of a good dinner.

Esther Wilson, Grace Gibson and Butch and Ann Crockett had Thanksgiving dinner at Town & Country in Gorham, N.H.

Millie Jackson had her turkey with Lesli and Dan Mickool and children in Poland.

Richard and Pat Kimball had Thanksgiving dinner with Keith and Penny Savage in Bryant Pond. The triplets were there, Pat and Richard's

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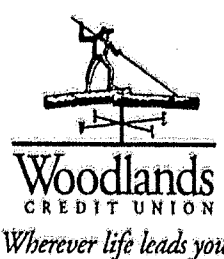
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LOT DEEDED TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Gilead Historical Society members Steve and Lise McLain (right) recently deeded the Mildred McLain lot over to the Gilead Historical Society. The lot is adjacent to Gilead's new town office. Receiving the deed are, from left, Mary Tyler, vice president and Linsley Chapman, former president. Steve McLain is the current president.

great-grandchildren. Andrea Howe and Savannah, Dustin and Marion Howe of South Paris, and Lisa, a friend from Wilton, Peter and Elsie Seams of Greenwood, Jason Coolidge and Beka Howe and son Kimball, Alyssa Howe and Rob with Skylar and Dylan of Mexico, and Macy Blaisdell and friend Landyn Heather had dinner with Diane Howe and Mike Blaisdell on Thanksgiving Day.

Barbara Honkala had dinner with Ginny Hastings in Shelburne, N.H., and her family on Thanksgiving Day.

Arlene Harrington had Thanksgiving dinner with Carl and Dori Hallman in Durham. She left on Nov. 26 and returned on Nov. 29.

Ken and Laurie Crockett had Thanksgiving dinner with Shawn and Stephanie Coffin in Woodstock.

Dot Bartlett, Clark Bartlett, and Clayton Bartlett had Thanksgiving dinner with Jonathan Bourne and family in Ogunquit.

Nancy Mercer had dinner with George Haines and family on Thanksgiving Day.

Robert Crockett made the 5th grade honors list for the first quarter. Kathryn Coolidge made high honors in grade 8. Kassandra Haines and Alex Hebert made honors in grade 12. Congratulations to all of them!

I guess winter is here, as it is snowing hard now (Nov. 30). God Bless the Troops.

Mason



by Richard Grover

I am happy to report that Mona's son James was discharged from the hos-

pital last Sunday. His activities will be limited for some time, but he is really glad to have been "sprung." I'm sure his sister, Katrina, is really pleased that Jim is home, particularly because he will be taking "Remie" (Jim's dog Rembrandt) home with him. Kate took Remie into her apartment while Jim was in the hospital, and she found that Remie created multiple problems in her apartment, where she has two old English sheepdogs of her own!

I can't believe that December is here already. Time flies when you're having fun! The month of November and deer hunting just started yesterday, and they're history already. I have to admit that I hunted quite a bit last month, but I didn't see so much as the flick of a deer's tail all month. I did have some interesting experiences, however.

Last Friday, while hunting with several nephews on our remaining crusty snow, Dan Grover and I headed into a patch of woods over near Hutchinson Brook from two different directions. Other nephews were positioned in

strategic locations, hoping for a shot at any bucks we might scare onto them. No such luck! I came upon fresh tracks of a large buck in the midst of those fir tree filled woods and decided to follow them, as they seemed to be headed generally toward the brook. I soon found those tracks merged with some others, some fresh and some old. As I went along, I also noted that some buck tracks were headed both ways, but which were the freshest? Both had sunk into the soft earth and splattered mud onto the snow as they passed thru. I decided the deer must have gone down hill last (the direction I was traveling) because those tracks had slid in the mud, indicating that he was in a hurry to get away from me. Traveling was noisy because the crusty snow crunched with every step.

After following the tracks for some distance, I could see the brook down across a small plateau filled with several dense stands of 6- to 8-foot tall fir trees. I followed the tracks

into a small but very thick clump of these impenetrable fir trees, but at first I couldn't see where the fresh tracks came out, although the old ones headed toward the brook. I circled around the thicket to find where the deer emerged, but I could only find fresh tracks of a doe that had come out and headed uphill toward a camp I knew stood beyond the mature firs in the distance. ut no buck tracks! went back to where the tracks entered the little thicket and finally found where the buck had made a U turn and rejoined the trail we had followed down, only this time headed in the opposite direction!

How could that be? That deer could not have known enough ahead of time that I would follow his tracks that he planned this double cross that far in advance! In talking it over with Dan afterward, the only explanation that made sense was that the buck had been following a doe until she entered the thicket; then for some reason the buck gave up the chase and returned to where he had been before!

At the end of a couple hours of trying to determine which way several other sets of fresh tracks went last, I followed a couple other sets of buck tracks toward the brook in a generally upstream direction, in the right direction to meet one of the nephews on the other side, I hoped. The deer crossed the brook and then headed downstream, a direction out of sight of our "mighty hunters!" But, hope springs eternal. There's always next year!

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by Sylvia Harrington

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On Saturday, my friend, Susan Kilduff, from Salisbury, Mass., drove me and Mark to my brother Saul and Johan's home in Rumford to celebrate our Thanksgiving. There were nine of us at dinner, including their son, Philip, from Concord, Mass., and their daughter, Rebecca with Brian Dunton from Wilton, and our cousin, Claire Marx from Windham.

Johan outdid her many previous dinners with the pork, potatoes, squash, turnip, Brussels sprouts, peas, biscuits, rolls and all the relish dishes and dips. Susan brought a delicious apple crisp for dessert, and the pumpkin pie I was supposed to bring hit the floor as I was removing it from the oven.

Still call Leon or Ed with any questions regarding the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Not only for snack foods and holiday gift items, stop at the Bear River Trading Post for lots of outdoor gear. The total deer tagged since Nov. 1 stands at 59. The next two weeks for hunting will be for muzzle-loading guns. Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTF as well as applications for membership for the local Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

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(my advice of the week).

I would like to send a Happy, Happy Birthday to Kaylin Milligan, last Wednesday, Nov. 26. I accidentally left her off my list last week.

Celebrating a birthday this week are Paisley Clukey on Friday, the 5th, and Jessica Putnam on the 8th.

Don't forget the Craft Fair, Saturday at the Fire Station. It is from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at 1.

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Andover Fire Station. I will have more details next week.

Congratulations to the following Andover students who achieved honor roll grades at Telstar for the first quarter: 6th grade, Maureen Glover, Katherine Merrill; 7th grade, Kayla Cole; 8th grade, Gabrielle Conrad; 9th grade, Adam Mahar, high honors and Carson McKay, honors; 10th grade, Elek Pew; 12th grade, Whitney Mills, high honors.

Former Andover resident and alumni Patty Emons Clark was excited to run into her old classmate, Caroline Merrill Christmas shopping in Augusta on Black Friday. Patty lives in Unity and teaches at Unity College. She is enjoying her new granddaughter, Isabelle Bianca Clark, born a month ago.

Congratulations to Lacey Gammon on the birth of baby daughter, Mackenzie Rose Gammon, born on Nov. 15 at Rumford Hospital. She joins her sister, Brooke Lynn. Grandparents are Stacy and Cindy Gammon of Andover, Tony Bennett of West Bethel and Brenda Blaisdell of West Bethel. Great-grandparents are Red and Nancy Conley of Rumford, Shirley Gammon of Rumford Point and Frank Gammon of Andover.

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It is their 4th annual TMS Artreach event, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The event features a student art sale, a program of special student performances, and an auction of artwork donated by local artists. All of the money raised is donated, and this year they have chosen to give to the Harvest Hill Animal Shelter in Fryeburg. Have a nice weekend.

Upton



by Laurie Brown
Last week's column was apparently placed on the wrong desk at The Citizen's office and wasn't discovered until after press time. Hopefully they'll print both articles this week. Babe (Patricia) Goodrum died peacefully on Nov. 26 while at her home with her husband, Horace (Dope) by

her side. Babe had been battling with cancer. I offer my deepest condolences to the whole family. I've known the Goodrums since I was a kid and about 18 or 19 years ago, when I was going through a very difficult time in my life, Dope and Babe were there for me (without their friendship and help, I honestly don't know what would have happened. I hope all of you have someone in your life who is as supportive as they were to me. I'll miss Babe, and my thoughts and prayers will be with her family. The town's annual Christmas program is Dec. 6 at the schoolhouse at 6 p.m. I hope there is a huge turnout. Please come to the Ladies Aid Building on Dec. 4 and help decorate our town buildings for Christmas. Enjoy your week. Selah News sent for Nov. 26 Please join Ladies Aid members to decorate town buildings for Christmas on Dec. 4.

Bring any empty see-through gallon milk jugs you can spare. The children will present a play for their Christmas program on Dec. 6 at the schoolhouse. Bring your guests and be prepared for a wonderful evening. The kids, their parents and friends will be setting their stage and arranging their props Saturday morning. Come help if you'd like. I've heard a lot of gunshots this week. I hope hunters don't get all the deer that visit Joe's and Penny's field nearly every night. The Planning Board met with Rose Stevens, Jennifer Casey, Bob Brown, Joe Bernier and Dennis Casco present. Joe Bernier received a permit for an addition on his house and one for a shed to be attached to his garage. They finalized and issued a permit for Steve Wayo for a camper-port. Bob Brown received a permit to build a cabin on Barnes Road. Alfred Bilodeau received a permit to build a handicap-accessible ramp on

his house. The next scheduled Planning Board meeting will be Feb. 27. Call Joe Bernier if you have a request for a meeting in the interim. The Stairline Snowmobile Club meeting will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ladies Aid Building. The Christmas program will be held in the schoolhouse. There were 32 people gathered at Phil and Juanita Korhonen's home in Bryant Pond Sunday. We shared a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Ben spent the weekend with us. Roger Bernier of St. Johnsbury, Vt., spent the weekend with his aunts and uncles on Back Street.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
Don't forget the Christmas Craft Fair is this Saturday at the Andover Fire Station. Doors open at 10 a.m. and



WHITMAN SCULPTURES ON DISPLAY AT BETHEL ALLIANCE CHURCH—"The Messiah Suite," an exhibit of sculpture by nationally known artist Gil Whitman of Bryant Pond, is on display at the Bethel Alliance Church until Dec. 27. The exhibit is open to the public. The six sculptures, each illustrating a passage in the Oratorio "Handel's Messiah," are rendered in the form of line drawings. They are sculptured in hand-forged and welded of steel, and mounted on free form shapes of white background panels. The oratorio is composed of three sections, the Nativity, the Crucifixion and the Everlasting Glory. Each section is illustrated with two sculptures. The sculptures, created 20 years ago, have been displayed at the Portland City Hall Auditorium during performances of the Messiah.

close at 3 p.m. Santa will arrive at 1 p.m. I'll see you there, because the East Andover Community Club has a table this year. This is a good time to find excellent Christmas gifts. East Andover resident Bobby Hall is a patient at Maine Medical in Portland, but may be moved to Togus soon. Cards would be nice. Pam (Hall) Presutti, her husband John and their three daughters, Nicole, Sydney and Kayla from New Windsor, N.Y., visited with Darlene over Thanksgiving. The three girls are triplets and will be four years old Dec. 3. How many guests did you have for Thanksgiving Dinner? My sister, Jean, had 32, Elaine and Hank Morton had 25, Hope and Victor Peterson had 18, Norma and Freeman Farrington had 26, with five generations of the family present, Clarence and Mary Bailey had 25, but I think the "winner" is my daughter-in-law's aunt in Gettysburg, Pa., they had 48. I just can't imagine doing that and living to tell about it.

Jean White is at the Rumford Community Home undergoing therapy. She came home for Thanksgiving and got to hold her great-great-grandson, Issac Farrington. Have a safe week and I'll see 'ya on Saturday.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester
Thanksgiving was a week ago and we are sure everyone had an enjoyable day. Mostly in Hanover the day appeared quiet with folks just plain enjoying the day with relatives. A winter storm moved into the area on Monday, Nov. 24, leaving five or six inches of snow before changing to rain. Roads were extremely slick for the morning commute and most of the day. One auto crash occurred along Route 2 near the Jeff Davis Logging and Equipment garage resulting in the demolition of two vehicles and the two driv-

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HELD AT NORTHEAST BANK—Recently a group of past Northeast Bank f/k/a Bethel Savings Bank employees got together for an 80th birthday dinner celebration for Colleen Boyd at the Bethel Inn and Country Club. Employees reminisced, shared photo albums and spoke on what they were doing since leaving the bank. Those attending were, front: Jane Ryerson. First row: Cheryl Burnham, Althea Hathaway, Jan Bradeen, Colleen Boyd, Martha Katlin, Dottie Bartlett, Cecelia Hoy. Standing: Dorothy York, Mary Ellen Corro (known as Mellen), Becky Kendall, Jean Owen, Vicki Myers, Joanne Sawyer, Loretta Merrill, Mary Merrill, Mary Ann Brown, Berta Broomhall, Terri Littlehale. Back: Cheryl Angevine, Marylyn Wyman Foster, Dawn Brackett, Judy Webster, Rosemary Burk and Pam Morgan.

ers went to area hospitals for reported injuries. Another mishap occurred on Howard Pond Road when a plow truck left the road. Heavy equipment had to be brought to the scene to rescue the stranded truck.

Most of the snow melted away in the low lands and that along with heavy rains caused basement floods in some locations. The Androscoggin River rose quite significantly. At higher elevations some snow remained. Howard Pond froze over around Thanksgiving Day and snow flurries left the ice covered with snow. Don't be fooled, the ice is not safe to venture out on. Even dogs going onto the razor-thin ice would be at risk of falling through. A flock of Canada geese thought they

might winter at Howard Pond but after it froze over they decided to move on further south.

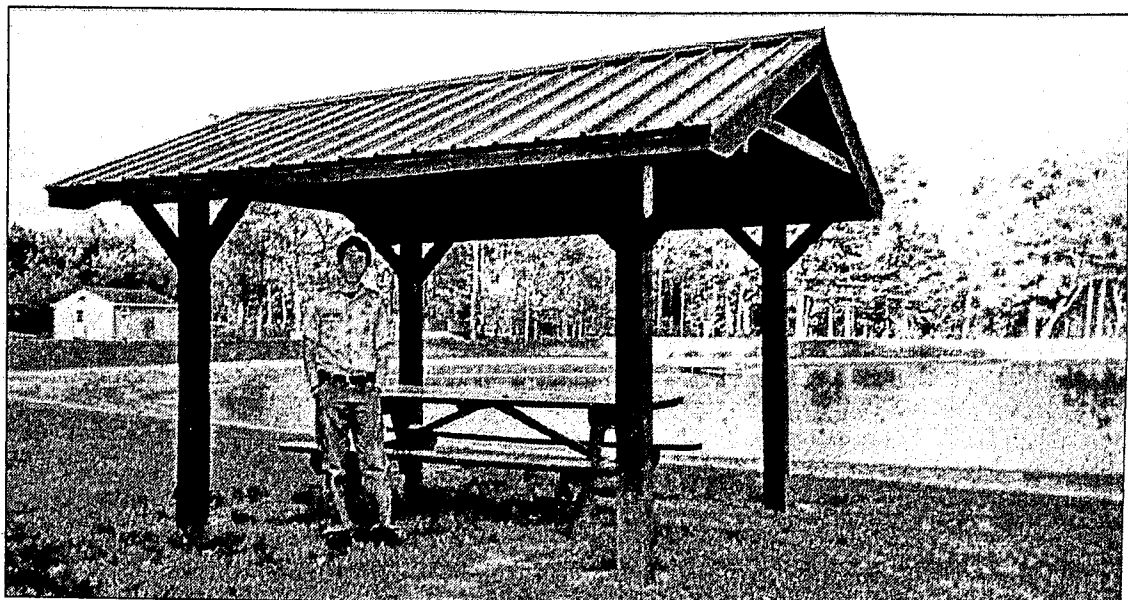
Bragging rights! Yup, grampas get bragging rights. Kaylynn Mae Worcester has been named Student of the Week at Dirigo Elementary School in Peru where she is in the first grade. As part of the honor it was required that she prepare a poster describing herself. During the football season she was a cheerleader.

Kelly Harrington, Hanover deputy clerk, is on a leave of

absence from the Town Office while she is with her son, Keith, at Boston Children's Hospital. Keith's surgery is expected to require time for recovery.

Sympathy is extended to Rose Hutchins, Gail Worcester and Debbie Swan and their families upon the passing of Melburn (Chink) Hutchins. He had recently been in failing health at the Maine Veterans' Home in Paris and died Dec. 1.

We have been working at a wood yard halfway up on the



NEW SHELTER AT ANGEVINE PARK—As his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas Kingsbury of Bethel Troop 565 built this picnic shelter at Angevine Park. Kingsbury received help in the effort from a variety of volunteers.

backside of Mount Dimmock. It has been a quiet place to work except for the occasional blast coming from across the valley on Plumbago Mountain.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning

worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting, and youth group is 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Upcoming events: Dec. 6: soup and sandwich and decorating at the church at noon; Dec. 20, Christmas caroling at 1 p.m.; Dec. 21, Christmas program at church at 6 p.m.; Dec. 23, The Hodgkins Home Open House from 6 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service at

6 p.m.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Dec. 6 for a regular meeting with a potluck dinner; meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., dinner by the Legion Auxiliary. Program: a musical by the Forestdale School children following. There will be exchange of gifts and cards if you wish. Also bring items for the Food Pantry and Kids for Christmas, if you want to.

Thanks to the Telstar Honor Society for the lovely Thanksgiving dinner for seniors. Everyone acted as if they had a great time.

The next program coming up at the Whitman Memorial Library, on Thursday, Dec. 11, will be a musical program with chimes by Forestdale School, South Woodstock. They are very good, so be sure to go hear them. Time is 2 p.m.

There is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. Ken and I and most of our family joined my sister and husband, John and Leatrice Chase and part of her family, for dinner. There were 25 of us in all.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Winter has appeared in full force with two snowstorms introduce us

slowly to the coming months. The Rev. Richard Beal will lead the service at West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. All are welcome.

The chicken pie supper went well and all had plenty to eat. We want to thank Cooper Farms for donating the 50 pounds of potatoes. Don



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Demarest gave the squash. Beryl Bonney had a surprise visit from her niece, Stacy Burns and her son, Ricky, of Spring Hill, Fla. They enjoyed the three weeks here and visited several places in the area.

Beryl Bonney had an early Thanksgiving at the home of Elizabeth Stevens at the Merrill Farm in Waterford.

Joe and Peg Perham joined Nancy Willard for a lobster Thanksgiving, which they enjoyed even though it was a bit different.

Dede Chase and Nester and Rachel Ruokolainen were with Pete and Angie Morrison and Lisa and Ron Darling in Hartford for their dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Dede Chase joined Randy and Wendy and Becky Chase on Friday evening to celebrate.

On Sunday Beverly and Vince Stevens entertained at a large gathering: Muriel and Steve Bunker and Christopher and Lisa, Beverly and Roger Thayer, Stacy and Larry Corbett, Dustin Tilly, Ann and Fred Goulding, Darcy Robinson and Everett Bunker.

Beverly and Vince Stevens spent the weekend in Barrington, N.H., visiting Muriel and Steve Bunker. They enjoyed shopping for the upcoming holiday.

Ruth Hazelton joined her son and his wife, Dennis and Judy Hazelton, and her granddaughter, Amanda of Lisbon for the big day.

Maxine Cram was in North Norway with George and Helen McKay for Thanksgiving Day.

I drove to Augusta to the home of Peggy Lamb and Mike Seaton and joined with Jude Lamb and her husband, Rob Collins, from Lamoine. All three of my daughters are married but kept their maiden names. Traffic was light over Route 219 both ways. I left for home at 3:30 but it was too late for daylight traveling so reached home at dark.

Muffin is glad to see me when I arrive home for she is accustomed to my frequent times away.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Winter is here, bring-

ing with it rain, snow, and chilly temps. I think that last week's storm threw everyone off. We were surprised by how long the power remained out - in the eight-plus years we've lived in Albany, I think that was the longest we'd been without power.

Be careful driving the roads early in the mornings - they've been a bit slick.

Danny turned 4 years old on Saturday! My time sure does fly. And now Christmas shopping season is upon us. Of course, the financial forecast is still gloomy. We just have to do what we have to do to make this a cheerful and joyful season - even if we can't spend as we may have been able to at times.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

BRR! My study is cold. I await some plastic on the window,

which has a big crack in it. Sometimes, when the stove is really cranking, I don't feel the cold. Not so today. The stove has only been on an hour. It hasn't had time to warm up this room, yet.

As I type, I look out at the snow-covered driveway. All morning, I could hear the vehicles crunching down the snow-covered road. The usual quiet, during and after a snowstorm is gone, replaced by the crunch and the squealing of tires as people slide across the ice. Soon, the school bus may not come down if no one sands the road. Soon the snow machines will come and add their



THIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH—The Rotary Club of Bethel and Telstar High School have established a "Student of the Month" program to recognize monthly the accomplishments of two high school students. The students, one from the freshman or sophomore class and one from the junior or senior class, are nominated and voted upon by school staff. Criteria for selection include school and community service, leadership and academics. The first two students honored, for the month of November, are sophomore Shannon Long and senior Austin Buck, at center. Their selection was announced at a school assembly. On Tuesday they attended a Rotary Club meeting, where they received certificates from club president Mike Steven (left). Also attending was THS principal Dan Hart (right). Buck plans to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation. The Bethel Rotary Club sponsors local community service projects, provides financial support for other area organizations, and supports the worldwide humanitarian efforts of Rotary International.

sound to the cacophony of the winter noises.

Saturday, the 6th of December, Norway Library is holding its 70th birthday celebration. It begins at 7 p.m. and features a performance by Act V, and an edible book contest. Call the library at 743-5309 for details on the contest.

As I see everyone hurrying to buy and worrying about having enough money to buy presents for the holidays, I wonder why we are so obsessed with this. I admit I did not grow up with this tradition, but my father bought presents for his employees and their families. Even so, he only did what we had the resources to do. Never did we go into debt for the so-called holidays. Today, when times are really tough, I hear so many worried about getting their kids just the right gift. My knowledge about this time of year says it is about family and religion and the joy of the season, not about who can buy the most expensive gifts for their children. I think any-

one who can buy expensive gifts should instead spend that money on those who cannot. I fear that families will be cold this winter and lack food. Already we hear and read about older people trading needed drugs for food. What does that say about our country? Let's figure a way to share better. There is no need for us all to have everything. Let's learn to share with our neighbors better. Not an easy task, but necessary this year.

Tasha is healing, slowly. She still gets lost outside and seems to wander, but she improves, daily. She can now get into her doghouse. That is good because she can get warm on these cold days. We have kept her orange vest on so we can see her as she wanders outside. It reassures me if nothing else.

That is all for this week. All my trips to fancy doctors have shown nothing and still I whisper. Have a great week and be cautious on these icy roads.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Bows, berries, and fruit will be the order of the day for decorating the historic Dr. Moses Mason House for the annual "Christmas with the Masons" to be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 4 (tonight), beginning around 6 p.m. and continuing until about 8 p.m. Hot mull cider will be served from the winter kitchen and special holiday treats will be available in the dining room. Live holiday music will be heard throughout this historic house. Everyone is welcome to experience a 19th century Christmas evening with fires blazing in the fireplaces and candles lighting the rooms.

The Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency.

School Lunch

Week of Dec. 8

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chicken nuggets, homemade rice pilaf, steamed broccoli w/cheese sauce, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun, hot dogs.

Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar, pizza choices, hot sandwich, chicken patty/bun.

Wednesday: Pasta bar: 2 pasta choices, 2 sauce choices, garlic breadstick, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun.

Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar, homemade shepherd's pie, green beans, homemade roll, apple crisp, pizza choices.

Friday: Pasta bar: 2 pasta choices, 2 sauce choices, pizza choices.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken sticks, potato stars, broccoli w/cheese sauce, pb&j.

Tuesday: Italian sandwich, raw veggies/dip, clodhoppers, hot dog/bun, pb&j.

Wednesday: Ravioli, garlic bread, green salad, quick pick, yogurt, cheese stick, and bagel, pb&j.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie, green beans, homemade roll, apple crisp, chicken patty/roll, pb&j.

Friday: Pizza choices, whole kernel corn, pb&fluff.

Fruit and veggie bar daily (2 servings of fruit and 2 servings of vegetables).

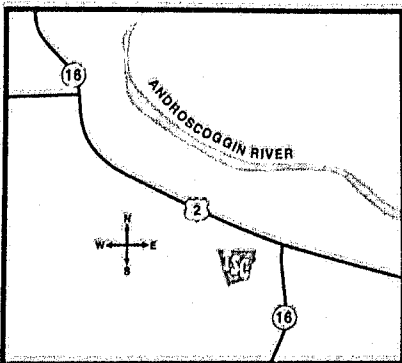


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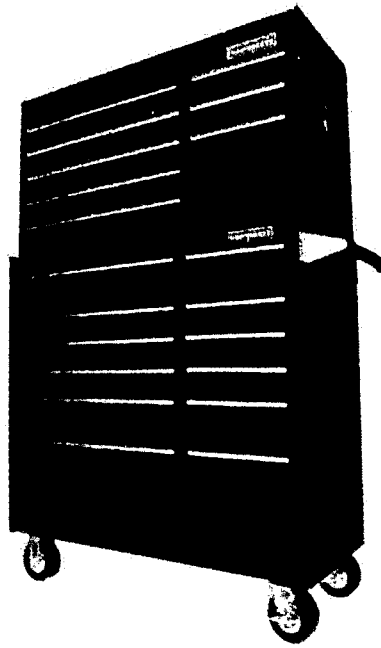
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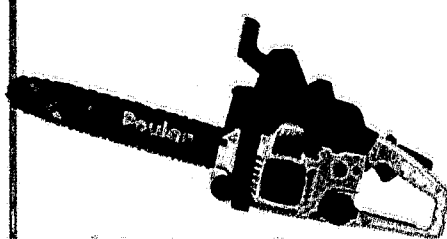
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BOYS BASKETBALL

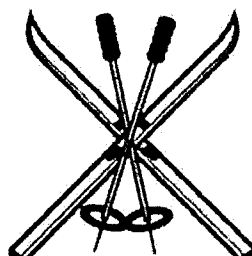
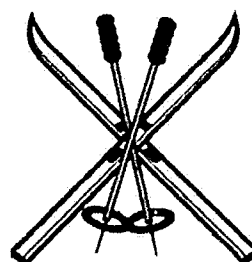
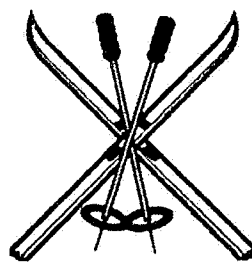
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December				
Fri. 5	Georges Valley	Geo. Valley		7:00
Fri. 12	Mt. Abram	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Tues. 16	Dirigo	Dirigo	5:30	7:00
Thurs. 18	Mt. Valley	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Sat. 20	Boothbay	Telstar	1:00	2:30
Tues. 23	Madison	Madison	5:30	7:00
January				
Fri. 2	Winthrop	Winthrop	5:30	7:00
Mon. 5	Livermore Falls	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Wed. 7	Jay	Jay	5:30	7:00
Fri. 9	Wiscasset	Wiscasset		7:00
Mon. 12	Carrabec	Telstar		7:00
Fri. 16	Lisbon	Lisbon		7:00
Tues. 20	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale		7:00
Thurs. 22	Monmouth	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Thurs. 29	Dirigo	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Sat. 31	Mt. Valley	Mt. Valley	5:30	7:00
February				
Tues. 3	Livermore Falls	Livermore	5:30	7:00
Thurs. 5	Jay	Telstar	5:30	7:00

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME	
			JV	Varsity
December				
Fri. 5	Georges Valley	Georges Valley		5:30
Thurs. 11	Mt. Abram	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Thurs. 15	Dirigo	Dirigo	5:30	7:00
Wed. 17	Mt. Valley	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Fri. 19	Boothbay	Telstar	5:30	6:00
Mon. 22	Madison	Madison	5:30	7:00
January				
Sat. 3	Winthrop	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Tues. 6	Livermore Falls	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Thurs. 8	Jay	Jay	5:30	7:00
Fri. 9	Wiscasset	Wiscasset		5:30
Mon. 12	Carrabec	Telstar		5:30
Fri. 16	Lisbon	Lisbon		7:00
Tues. 20	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale		7:00
Fri. 23	Monmouth	Telstar	5:30	6:00
Wed. 28	Dirigo	Telstar	5:30	7:00
Tues. 30	Mt. Valley	Mt. Valley	5:30	7:00
February				
Mon. 2	Livermore Falls	Livermore Falls	5:30	7:00
Wed. 4	Jay	Telstar	5:30	7:00

NORDIC SKIING

DATE	SITE	EVENT	TIME
December			
Wed. 17	Telstar	Freestyle	3:00
Sat. 27	Rangeley	Freestyle	11:00
Tues. 30	Black Mt.	Sprints	10:00
January			
Sat. 3	Leavitt	Classic	10:00
Sat. 10	Telstar	Relays	10:00
Wed. 14	Telstar	Freestyle	3:00
Sat. 17	Maranacook	Freestyle	10:00
Wed. 21	Black Mt.	Classic	3:00
Sat. 24	Oxford Hills	Sprints	10:00
Tues. 27	Maranacook	Classic	3:30
Sat. 31	Black Mt.	Classic (Sassi)	10:00
February			
Thurs. 5	Black Mt.	Freestyle (MVCs)	2:00
Sat. 7	Black Mt.	Classic (MVCs)	2:00
Wed. 11	Black Mt.	TBA	3:00
18, 20	Black Mt.	States	3:00, 9:00



Telstar Middle School 2008/2009

BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
(JV first, followed by Varsity)			
December			
Thurs. 4	Jay	Jay	3:30
Sat. 6	Madison	Madison	12:30
Mon. 8	Mt. Valley	Telstar	3:30
Mon. 15	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
Wed. 17	Livermore Falls	Livermore	3:30
January			
Sat. 10	Carrabec	Telstar	10:00
Wed. 14	Mt. Valley	Mt. Valley	3:30
Thurs. 15	Jay	Telstar	3:30
Sat. 24	Madison	Telstar	10:00
Mon. 26	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30
Wed. 28	Livermore Falls	Telstar	3:30
Sat. 31	Carrabec	Carrabec	12:30

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
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December			
Thurs. 4	Jay	Telstar	3:30
Sat. 6	Madison	Madison	10:00
Mon. 8	Mt. Valley	Mt. Valley	3:30
Mon. 15	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30
Wed. 17	Livermore Falls	Telstar	3:30
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DATE	SITE	EVENT	TIME
January			
Wed. 7	Sunny Croft	Classic	3:30
Tues. 13	Titcomb	Skate	3:30
Thurs. 15	Telstar	Skate	3:00
Fri. 16	Black Mt.	Jr. Sassi/Classic	2:00
Wed. 21	Titcomb	Classic	3:00
Mon. 26	Black Mt.	Skate	2:00
Thurs. 29	Telstar	Classic	3:30
February			
Wed. 4	Tripp	TBA	3:00
Wed. 11	TBA	Freestyle	1:00
Wed. 14	Titcomb	Classic	1:00

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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Dec. 4

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Down Home Maine Program** will feature Maine Public Broadcasting Network's new Internet lifelong learning project at Telstar High School library. Public invited, admission free. FMI: 836-2576.

6 to 8 p.m. - **Christmas with the Masons**, Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House. Tours, hot mulled cider, etc. FMI: 824-2908.

7 p.m. - **Tree Lighting** at American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. The American Legion Auxiliary is selling lights (\$2 each) in memory of or in honor of a loved one. FMI: call Olive Risko (665-2909) or Anita Hakala (527-2234).

Friday, Dec. 5

6 p.m. - **Benefit Bingo** for Christmas For Families, with raffle and food sale, at Jackson-Silver Post 68, Locke Mills. Doors open 4 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - **"Take-A-Chance Auction,"** sponsored by Oxford County 4-H Leaders Association, at Oxford Hills Middle School Cafeteria, Pine Street, South Paris. Doors open 5 p.m. Food on sale. Donations can be given at Oxford County Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris, ME 04281 or by calling 743-6329.



Dec. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater:** Buckfield: Bah Ho on ch Bach: A very Odd Christmas Carol. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children 12 and under. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday, Dec. 6

9 to 11 a.m. - **Breakfast with Santa** at Crescent Park School. Sponsored by CPS Parents Advisory. Photo opportunity with Santa.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **"Windows to the Holidays"** holiday fair at Wilkins Community House next door to the Waterford Congregational Church, foot of Plummer Hill. Morning coffee and lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (fish chowder, etc.). Takeout available. FMI: call Karen at 583-2320.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Greens Sale** at West Bethel Union Church.

10 to 11:30 a.m. - **Christmas Crafts Workshop** for kids at Waterford Library. Ornaments to make, storytelling, other activities, and delicious treats. Pre-registration required: call library at 583-2050 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

9 to 12 a.m. - **Wreath Making Workshop** at GLLT Office, Main Street. Cost: \$5. Lovell Village. Bring gloves, clippers, glue gun (if possible), special wreath additions. All else supplied. Greens collecting Thursday-Friday, Dec. 4 and 5 (call 925-1056 if weather questionable). Bring gloves, clippers, loppers. Take home completed 10-14-18 inch wreath.

9 a.m. to Noon - **Advent Fair** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 34 Buckfield Road, South Paris. Food goodies for sale, cloth wreaths, cinnamon decorations, small dolls, etc., raffle tickets. Stay for coffee and refreshments.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Craft Fair** at Andover Fire Station. To reserve table call Elaine Morton at 392-1140. Benefit Andover Firemen Association.

In Bethel: **Business and Home Expo** (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Taste of Bethel (Noon to 2 p.m.) Theme Wreath Silent Auction (Noon to 2 p.m.), sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce FMI: 824-2282.

12:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **West Paris Community Showcase and Craft Fair** at Agnes Gray gymnasium on Main Street, West Paris. Following, at 5 p.m. a Christmas parade will form and proceed to the tree lighting at Derby Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will drop in. To schedule display space (\$5 if own table or \$10 if table supplied by committee) or FMI: call Lisa at 674-2127.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Christmas Fair and Tea** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Traditional fireside tea along with fair featuring Christmas decorations, gifts, baked goods, wreaths, and more.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Rabies Clinic** at Bethel Fire Station. Cost: \$14 (cash

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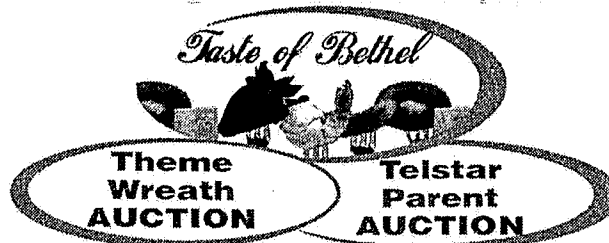
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3 to 6 p.m. - **Friends of Telstar and Crescent Park Fifth-Grade Auction** by Friends of Telstar at Telstar High/Middle School. Preview of items 2 p.m. Gift certificates, ski passes, student creations, etc. In conjunction with CPS fifth-grade fundraiser for Boston trip in spring and follows Taste of Bethel event from 12 to 2 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - **Arrival of Santa Claus and Tree Lighting** on Bethel Common. Treats for children.

7 p.m. - **Norway Memorial Library 70th Anniversary** of original library building on Main Street. Entertainment, edible book contest. FMI: call library at 743-5309.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7

7 p.m. (Sat.) 2 p.m. (Sun.) - **"A Musical Christmas Card,"** performed by RAAPA at Mountain Valley High School's Muskie Auditorium. Tickets: Adults, \$10, under 12, \$8 available from Bartash, RAAPA members, Port to Port, Hannaford, Larsen's Electric, Log Cabin Craftworks.



Sunday River Photo

Sunday, Dec. 7

Santa Sunday at Sunday River Ski Resort. Pre-registration required. FMI: (800) 543-2SKL.

10:30 a.m. - **"The Promise of a King"** cantata, a performance by Lovell United Church of Christ Choir at Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. All welcome.

4 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band Holiday Concert** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Traditional holiday songs. Refreshments following concert. Donations help with music and instrument purchases and ongoing costs.

Monday, Dec. 8

11:30 a.m. - **Wood Pellet Facility Press Conference and Open House** at 8 Airport Road, Bethel (formerly Gamm Building at Bethel Airport), hosted by Maine Energy Systems (MESys). Remarks by Gov. John Baldacci and Maine Energy Systems Partner Les Otten. Tours provided followed by luncheon reception.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

12 Noon - **Bethel Rotary Club Dinner** at Locke Mills Legion Hall for area senior citizens.

3:15-4:45 - **Holiday Gift-making Workshop** for children ages 7 to 12 at Norway Memorial Library's Children's Department. Several gifts will be made for friends or family members. All materials provided. Pre-registration required: parents sign up in Children's Dept. (743-5308).

Wednesday, Dec. 10

12 Noon - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club Christmas Party** at The Bethel Inn. Ladies bring gift for a lady and men bring a gift for a man. \$12 for members and \$15 non-members. Reservations required by Dec. 8 by calling either Nancy at 824-3350 or Arlene at 824-2877.

5 to 7:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School ArtReach Show**, at

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

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Thursday, Dec. 11

2 p.m. - **At Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond: students from Forestdale School, Woodstock, will present musical program of chimes. Free and open to public. Light refreshments served.

7 p.m. - **The Akwaaba Ensemble**, traditional African drum and dance presentation. Program sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Admission: \$10 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11, 12 and 13

"Little Women," presentation by Telstar High School Drama Department at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. Thursday-Friday performances begin 7 p.m. and Saturday matinee 2 p.m. Free but donations at door greatly appreciated. Refreshments available. FMI: 824-2136.

Friday, Dec. 12

"Local Holiday Shop-Around," presented by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Bethel Performing Arts Project. Most businesses open until 8 p.m. A "moving block party" will feature actors and musicians at various business every half hour from 4 to 8 p.m. Location, schedule and performers:

4 p.m. - **Jade's Salon:** Jewel Clark, solo musician; Sassafras Market: Wendy Green, solo musician; True North Adventureware: Ross Timberlake, solo musician.

4:30 p.m. - **Café DiCocoa** (house): Cooking for kids and skits by Bethel Community Players.

5 p.m. - **Linda Clifford Irish and Scottish Merchant:** Connie St. Pierre, Celtic harp.

5:30 p.m. - **Sudbury Inn:** Western Mountain Senior Players read "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dyan Thomas.

6 p.m. - **The Victoria Inn:** Lynn Arizzi, pianist, and a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long.

6:30 p.m. - **SS Milton Restaurant:** Kathleen Devoors and Meredith Mink, Flautists.

7 p.m. - **Brooks Bros.:** Jewel Clark, Donny Katlin and Ross Timberlake with Musical Potpourri.

7:30 p.m. - **DiCocoa's Marketplace:** Amy and Wendy Green, musicians.

8 to 10 p.m. - **Funky Red Barn:** Community Dance with Ten Point Stump and Friends (live band).

Continuous performances: Mouse and Bean: Jim McLaughlin, pianist, between 4:30 and 6 p.m.; Santa: starts Maine Line Products 4 p.m. and visits five Main Street stores; Kai Clothing, Fashion Show with DJ; Spirit Wings, Acoustic Quartet.

Saturday, Dec. 13

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Christmas Open House** at Maine Line Products, Locke Mills. Santa visits 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free hot fudge sundaes, special sales and much, much more. FMI: call 875-2522 or e-mail mainline@megalink.net.

10:45 a.m. - **Christmas Program** at Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Horse-drawn Wagon Rides**, sponsored by Cross Excavation, start at Bethel Common.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14

Rock Maple Racing Snocross (snowmobiles), hosted by Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. Gates open 8 a.m.; racing begins 9 a.m. Fees: \$12 per person per day or \$20 for weekend pass. Children under 10 free. Pre-registration required for racers.

Sunday, Dec. 14

4 p.m. - **Christmas Cantata "And This Shall Be a Sign,"** at Locke Mills Union Church with music by choir from area churches, directed by Bev Melville. Refreshments after.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

7 to 9 p.m. - **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Open House** at Errol, N.H., Town Hall, to provide information and address questions about the final Comprehensive Conservation and accompanying environmental impact for Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Conference for Health Care Professionals** at Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. Advance registration required (for morning, lunch and all). Lunch provided. FMI or to register: (603) 272-3900.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20

Christmas Cantata presented by children of South Woodstock



Seventh Day Adventist Forestdale School at 6:45 p.m. Friday and 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

Sunday, Dec. 21

5 p.m. - **The Living Nativity** on Bethel Common. Contact person: Drew Webster (824-2715) if interested in participating.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater:** Buckfield: Dickie Hyper-Hynie's Rockin' New Year's Eve. Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/

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AA MEETINGS
Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.
Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

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Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES
District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP
Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP
"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.blumoon-midwives.com

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VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)
Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY
Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30am. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon, Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER
First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL
Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor, Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info., 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 9 a.m. FMI call 824-0650.

Our Lady of the Snows- Saturday mass at 6 p.m.. Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 364-4566.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-4939.

EAST STONEHAM
Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH
Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Corham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schnelder. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON
Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS
Locke Mills Union - Rev. Frank Haines. Sunday morning service will begin at 9am. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY
Sunday River Christian Ministry - Rev. Don Coverdale. Interdenomination church services on the mountain: Our '08-'09 season continues with our special annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Barker Mountain Lodge by the fire place. Regular services start Dec. 28, 2008, continuing each Sunday. Call Rev. Don's cell phone (781-710-8086) or 824-5896 (machine) for details.

NORWAY/PARIS
First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers operation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Kelly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month

following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.
St. Catherine's; Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.
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RUMFORD POINT
Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER
East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS
Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

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West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

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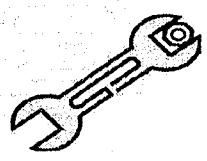
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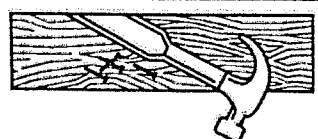
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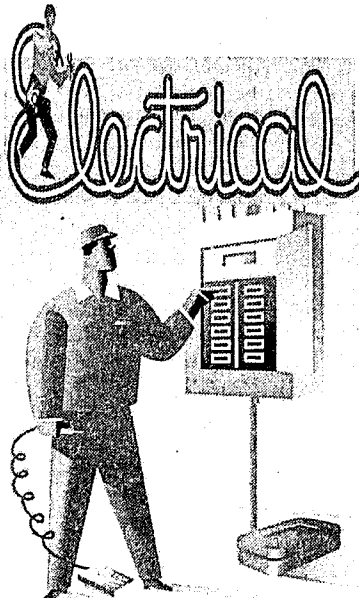
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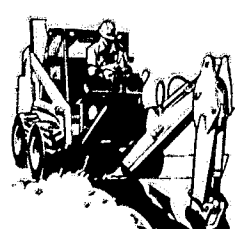

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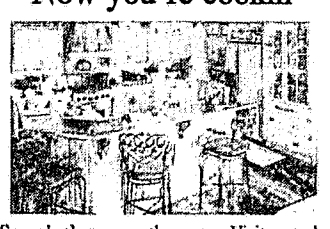

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From Bethel Performing Arts Project

Bethel shoppers will be treated to an array of local talent, with the help of the Bethel Performing Arts Project (BPAP), when a new "Local Holiday Shop-Around" event takes place in the form of a "moving block party" on Friday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. Most of the Main Street businesses will remain open until 8 p.m.

Many will showcase local performing artists, from actors to musicians, every half-hour until 8 p.m. when a community dance will be held until 10 p.m.

BPAP is assisting the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce in bringing this new event to the community.

The Bethel Area Chamber's Downtown Task Force initiated the Local Holiday Shop-Around project in their efforts to come up with ways to revitalize downtown shopping. Ross Timberlake, Chamber board member, said the idea of a "block party" presented an opportunity

for BPAP to partner with various businesses in a local performing arts event.

BPAP was organized last summer, and a major goal was to involve the community and area businesses in an ongoing series of events, theater productions and readings. BPAP's first event, a dinner theater in September with the Bethel Inn, was presented to a capacity audience. BPAP co-organizers Ross Timberlake and Lynn Arizzi are enthused with the great variety of local talented performers who volunteered to make this new holiday event, in support of the "Buy Local" campaign, entertaining for residents and visitors.

You'll find the schedule of performers for the moving block party on the Coming Events page of this week's Citizen and, also, on the Local Holiday Shop Around flyer insert.

Ross and Lynn encourage you to attend this special holiday event and enjoy the talents of your friends and neighbors while visiting the local shops.

For more information, contact Ross at 824-6545 or Lynn at 824-0080.

From White Mountain National Forest

If you haven't found your Christmas tree yet you may want to visit the White Mountain National Forest. Cutting your own Christmas tree can be an enjoyable adventure for the entire family. Bundle up and come enjoy the snow and the crisp, clean air.

All you need is a permit, sharp axe, thermos of cocoa and a little patience.

A Christmas tree permit can be purchased for \$5 from the White Mountain National Forest. Offices are located in Bethlehem, Holderness, Lincoln, Gorham and Conway, N.H. They are also available at the Evans Notch Information Center in Bethel, Maine on Fridays and Saturdays.

Several different types of evergreen grow in the White Mountain National Forest. Many people prefer the balsam fir because of fragrance and needle retention. Others prefer the spruce because of the fullness of the branches and the classic shape. Keep in



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mind that a wild tree may not have the perfect appearance of a commercial tree. Be prepared to do some real searching. Somewhere out there is your ideal Christmas tree!

Please remember: Trees are for personal use only, not for resale. Each family may cut one tree per permit. Use only hand tools to cut Christmas trees. Chainsaws are not permitted. Make sure you are on National Forest land. Respect the rights of

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Do not cut trees larger than 8 inches in diameter at chest height. Pack down limb piles low enough so they are within two feet of the ground. Scatter

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Conservation Commission	2	3
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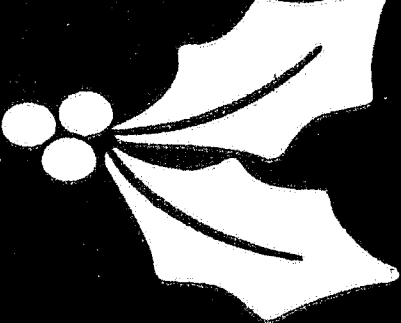
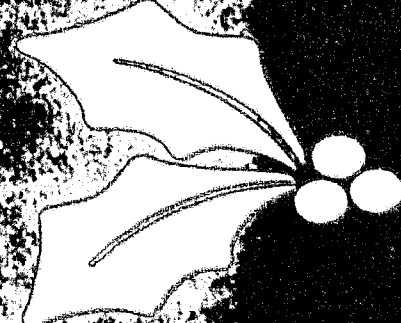
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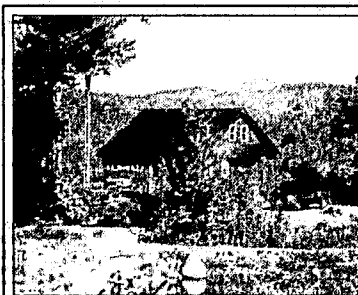
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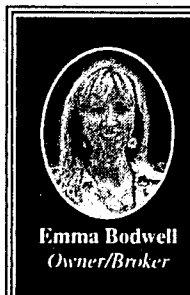
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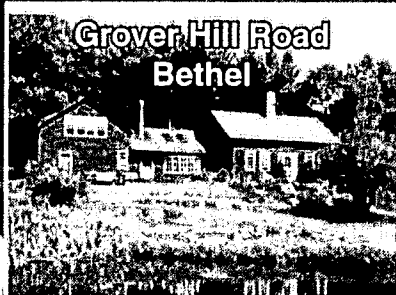
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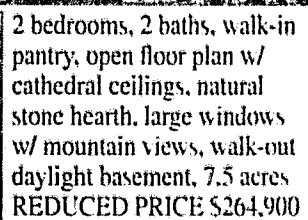
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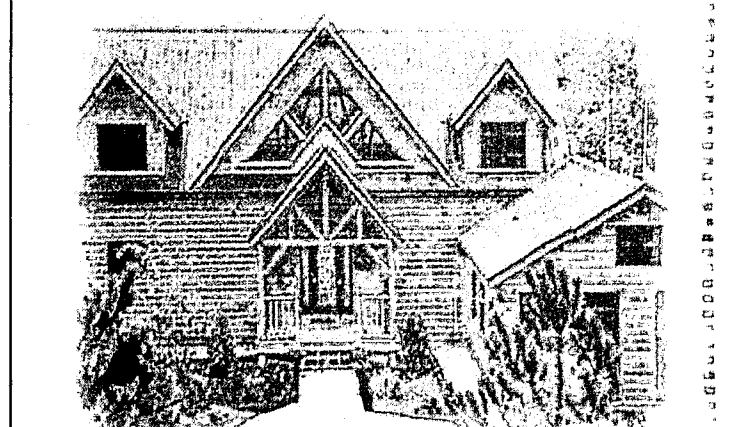


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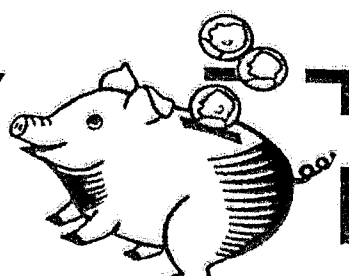
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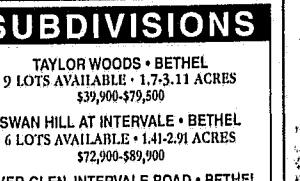
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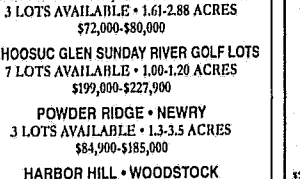
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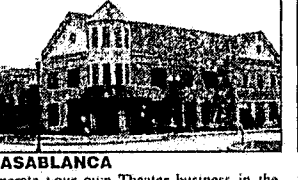
ANDOVER-NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME
Custom built three bedroom home with beautiful western views. Two car garage with attached office and bath. Open living space with cathedral ceiling and expansive windows. Large deck w hot tub. Near ITS snowmobile trail, Appalachian Trail, Richardson Lake \$225,000



WATERFRONT COTTAGE
Enjoy many lazy days on Roxbury Pond in a secluded one. Enter the water's edge from your lawn to sandy beach or better yet your dock to your boat. Cozy New England 2 bedroom cottage on a scenic open, level lot. Screened porch and fireplace. \$289,000



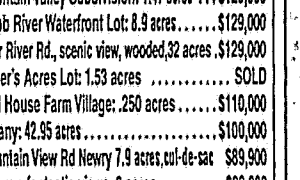
COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY ON RT 2 BETHEL
Two 2-bedroom, one 3-bedroom apartments over 5,500 sq. ft. of finished space! Many possibilities for this building on Rt 2 only a few miles from Bethel Village. \$335,000



CONDOS
LOCKE MOUNTAIN Q4 4 bed/4 bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slopeside \$620,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN M4 4 bed/4 bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slopeside \$610,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN L2 3 bed/3 bath, fireplace, tri-level, views, slopeside \$530,000
FALL LINE SOUTH S206 3 bed/2 bath, double unit, furnished, slopeside, ski-in/out \$375,000
SOUTH RIDGE G2 3 bed/2 bath, furnished, slopeside \$345,000
MOUNTAIN VISTA 3 bed/2.5 bath, spacious, mountain views, slopeside \$324,000
NORTH PEAK II #207 2 bed/1 bath, renovated recently, furnished, slopeside SOLD
TWITCHELL BROOK ESTATES 3 bed/2.5 bath, 1 floor master gas fireplace, hardwood floors \$229,000
NORTH PEAK II #309 2 bed/1 bath, furnished, access to pool, rental history, available slopeside \$210,000
LAKE CHRISTOPHER 2 bed/1 bath, waterfront, walk out to the water \$179,000
EDEN RIDGE 4C 2 bed/2 bath, fireplace, close to village, views \$167,500



**MERRILL BROOK 3C 1 bed/1 bath, fireplace, panoramic ski views, slopeside \$164,900
SUNRISE C105 1 bed/1 bath, furnished, top floor, slopeside, rental ready \$134,500
BROOKSIDE II #A315 1 bed/1 bath, furnished, and unit slopeside \$119,900
FALL LINE NORTH 107 1 bed/1 bath, furnished, slopeside, rental ready \$112,900
31 PARK STREET CONDOS 1-3 bed/1-2 bath units, quality finishes, in town \$115,000+
FALL LINE NORTH 202 1 bed/1 bath, furnished, slopeside \$115,000+
RIVERBEND #25 1 bed/1 bath, furnished, sunny end unit, free shuttle access PENDING
RIVERBEND #2 1 bed/1 bath, furnished, great rental history, free shuttle access \$107,500
CASCADES B2 1 room/1 bath and unit studio, sleeps 4, furnished, slopeside, ski in/out \$89,000
THE CAMERON HOUSE 1-3 bed/1-2 bath units, common area, walk to village amenities \$85,000+**



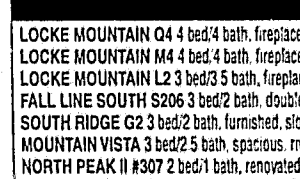
LAND
Bethel, Route 5.75 acres on Songo Pond Rd. \$550,000
Bethel, Rt. 2.102 acres with dev. rights for Condos \$550,000
Crystal Lake: 1.33 acres SOLD
Interval Rd: 28.6 acres \$200,000
Norway, lake & mtn. views, 14 acres \$139,000
Mountain Valley Subdivision: 1.47 acres \$129,000
Webb River Waterfront Lot: 8.9 acres \$129,000
Bear River Rd., scenic view, wooded, 32 acres \$129,000
Baker's Acres Lot: 1.53 acres SOLD
Red House Farm Village: 250 acres \$110,000
Albany: 42.95 acres \$100,000
Mountain View Rd Hwy 7.5 acres, out-to-sea \$89,900
Norway, fantastic views, 6 acres \$89,000
Will View Subdivision: 1.8 acres, BEST LOT \$84,900
South Pond Shores: 5.170 acres SOLD
Paradise Rd., in town building lot, 50 acre \$80,000
Taylor Woods Riverfront Lot: 1.7 acres \$79,500
Hanover Lot: 12 acres, development potential \$65,000
Sunday River Rd, 1 acre, outstanding views SOLD
Near North Pond: .53 acres \$59,000
Bird Hill Road: 2.84 acres \$57,000
Bird Hill Lot: 12 acres \$50,000
Route 26 Woodstock: Wooded & level, 8.5 acres \$45,000
Albany: 3 acres, close to Bethel, power at street \$40,000
Rocky Road, Woodstock: .56 acres \$34,900
Woodstock Lot: Great mtn. views, 7.5 acres \$32,900
Hidden Acres, West Paris, 2 acres \$24,900



THE CAMERON HOUSE
This 1.5 acre lot is located in a beautiful area in Bethel, within walking distance of village amenities, including the Mountain Explorer bus. Four 1 1/2 bedroom configurations spread out over three levels. Large common areas include covered porches & decks and common laundry with one 10' x 14' full in home laundry room with built-in, tiled and carpeted floors. \$85,000+



TWITCHELL BROOK ESTATES
Deatable 1 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath common located enroute to Sunday River. Nice open floor plan with pine, cathedral ceiling. 1st floor master suite, fireplace, great access-great location \$229,000



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NEW LISTING!

41 LOG CABIN LN., GREENWOOD \$230,000

- Three Bedroom Log Sided Chalet
- Quiet Subdivision
- Pine Ceilings, Wood Burning Fireplace
- Finished Basement
- Large Deck, First Floor Bedroom

Contact: Carol Everett

NEW LISTING!

22 SLEEPY HOLLOW RD., \$179,000

- Two Bedroom Ranch w/ Garage
- Gorgeous Setting Along Andrews Stream
- Raised Hearth With Woodstove
- Open Living Area and Mudroom
- Stone Walls, Private Setting, Snowmobiling

Contact: Cheri Thurston

UNDER CONTRACT

14 WILL VIEW RD., BETHEL \$209,000

- Three Bedroom/1 1/2 Bath Chalet
- Private 1.08 +/- Acre Lot
- Partially Finished Basement
- Master Bedroom Suite
- Furniture Included

Contact: Margie Finley

NEW PRICE!

129 PARADISE RD., BETHEL \$89,000

- A Rare Offering!
- Coveted Paradise Road
- 0.85 +/- Acres
- Level Building Lot- Stone Walls
- Walking Distance To Town

Contact: Margie Finley

SOLD!

LOT #6 HIDEAWAY LANE, BETHEL \$248,900

- Four Bedrooms/ Three Full Baths
- Covered Porch, Finished Basement
- Gas Fireplace/ Cultured Stone Hearth & Chimney
- Recreation Room & One Bedroom in Basement
- 2,604 Sq. Ft. Of Living Space
- Great Location!

Contact: Julia Young

SOLD!

176 GORE RD., WOODSTOCK \$135,000

- Two Bedroom Cape
- Large Two Story Barn
- 11.79 +/- Acres
- Views Of North Pond & Mt. Abram
- Great Location!

Contact: Julia Young

SOLD!

10 GREELY LN., BETHEL \$199,000

- Newly Built Four Bedroom Home
- Corner lot Off Paradise Road
- Large Room, Oversized Windows
- Two Car Garage, Deck
- 2126 SF Of Living Space

Contact: Cheri Thurston

SOLD!

534 SONGO POND RD., BETHEL \$359,000

- Four Season Cottage On Songo Pond
- Charming Interior 3 Bed.Rm./ 2 Bath
- 125 Ft Water Frontage/ 2.0 +/- Acres
- Hickory Hardwood Floors
- Includes Furniture, Docks, & Boats- True Turn Key

Contact: Julia Young

SOLD!

124 BAILEY RD., BETHEL \$269,000

- 6 Bedrooms
- 2 Screened Porches
- 3,148 Total Square Feet
- Hickory Hardwood Floors
- A Must See

Contact: Cheri Thurston

SOLD!

12 HOLT HILL RD., BETHEL \$212,000

- 3 Bedroom/ 2 Bath Home
- Privately Located
- Unique Floor Plan
- First Floor Master Suite
- Large Deck

Contact: Carol Everett

SOLD!

1404 INTERVALE RD., BETHEL \$189,000

- Spacious 4 Bedroom/ 2 Bath Gambrel
- First Floor Bedroom
- Gorgeous 2.7 +/- Acres w/ Perennials
- Two Car Detached Garage
- Energy Efficient & Easy To Maintain

Contact: Margie Finley

SOLD!

1168 US ROUTE 2, GILEAD \$239,000

- Five Bedroom Colonial
- Located Between Gorham & Bethel
- First Floor Master
- 7.3 +/- Acres
- Walking Distance To Fly Fishing

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New Listing! Main Road in Canton

6 Room/3 BR Cape with lovely open floor plan! A little TLC goes a long way here! Only \$50,000

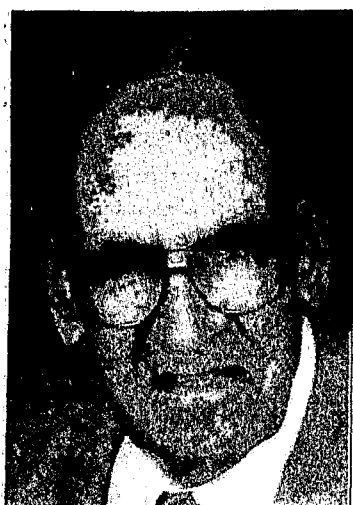
New Listing! Mt. Abram Area

Nicely wooded 2.4/- acre parcel en route to Mt. Abram Ski Resort & within minutes of area lakes, ponds & recreational activities. \$43,500!!

SUNDAY RIVER CONDOS

Unit	Bedrooms	Baths	Status	Price
A-206	2 BR	2	SOLD	\$189,000
B-405	2 BR	2	SOLD	\$224,900
A-303	2 BR	2	SOLD	\$224,900
A-212	STUDIO	4 BR	SOLD	\$83,900
B-306	1 BR	1	SOLD	\$149,900
CASCADES	STUDIO	1 BR	SOLD	\$93,900
B-14	1 BR	1	SOLD	\$155,000
FALL LINE	1 BR	1	SOLD	\$155,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN	2 BR	2	SOLD	\$189,900
D2	2 BR	2	SOLD	\$205,900
MERRILL BROOK	2 BR	2	SOLD	\$208,900
IL-102	2 BR	2	Pending	\$210,000
IL-310	2 BR	2	Pending	\$210,000
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Obituaries



MURRAY W. THURSTON

Murray W. "Mike" Thurston passed away on Nov. 25 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris at the age of 87, leaving, in his words, "to be in heaven with my friends."

Mike was born in Bethel, Maine on March 6, 1921, the second child of Paul C. and Elsie Hall Thurston. He grew up on the Thurstonia Farm (now the Riverview Resort in Bethel). He graduated from Gould Academy and Dartmouth College (1943), completing and leaving early his senior year to enlist in the Army and participate in WWII, serving in North Africa, Sicily, Corsica, the Philippines and Japan.

Upon his return from WWII he spent his business career as President of J. A. Thurston Company, retiring in 1986. He was very involved with the Wood Products Manufacturers Association, serving as its President in 1970 and as a board member for many years. Following retirement he used his business skills, experience and wisdom as a mentor in SCORE. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors at Rumford Community Hospital, Maine National Bank and the Maine Turnpike Authority and was an active member and President of the Rumford Rotary Club.

Mike contributed much time in quiet support of many public causes, serving as a charter Trustee of Gould Academy, a Town of Bethel Selectman and Assessor, a volunteer with the Androscoggin Health Association and was an instructor with the Maine

Handicapped Ski Program. A lifelong Democrat, he spent a term as a Maine State Senator and was a delegate to the 1960 Democratic National Convention which nominated John F. Kennedy for the U.S. Presidency. In 2008 he received the Maine Veteran's Public Service Award.

He was a founding member of the Bethel Area Development Council, formed in the mid-1950s, to explore the expansion of recreational activities, particularly skiing, in the Bethel area. Resulting from that he was particularly proud of his contribution to the origination of Sunday River Skiway, designing the original lift line, helping to build the Barker Mountain base lodge, and organizing volunteer labor to cut the first trails. He served as President of Sunday River for 10 years and was directly involved in the sale of Sunday River to the Killington Corporation. He was recognized by the Maine Ski Association for his contribution to and positive involvement with Maine skiing and was inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame in 2007. Skiing was a tremendous part of Mike's life; he and Connie, his wife of 61 years, enjoyed more than 30 ski trips to Europe with their great friends of The Washingtonians ski club. Their travels also took them to Bermuda, Morocco, Hawaii, England and Scotland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Greece.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife Connie; a sister, Rosalie T. Wight; three sons, David, John and Peter and their respective families; and a legacy of wit, wisdom, humility, honesty and fairness.

Thanks for everything, Dad. The way you have led, we will do our best to follow.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel with a reception following at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in his name to Gould Academy, P.O. Box 860, Bethel, ME 04217 and/or to Maine Handicapped Skiing, 8 Spruce Lane, Newry, ME 04261. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@ghi.net.

Births

To Heidi C. (Shugars) and John R. Guptill of Stoneham, a daughter, Rory Anne Guptill on Nov. 2, 2008. Rory joins Ad-dyson Belle, 2½.

Maternal grandparents: Do-reen and Richard Carpenter, Albany Twp; James Shugars, Claremore, Okla.

Paternal grandparents: Terry and Tamylea Guptill, Frye-burg.

Great-grandparents: Ralph and Phyllis Guptill, Fryeburg; Alvah and Gertrude John-son, Bridgton; Bonita Taylor, Stoneham.

Great-great-grandparents: Eloise Vail, Stoneham; John Wentworth, Jasper, Fla.

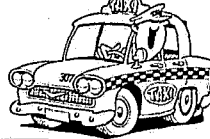
Marcy Elizabeth LaVallee and Phillip Daniel Arnold are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Lewis Daniel Ar-nold, born on Jan. 14, 2008 at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, Mass., weigh-ing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Lewis is the maternal grand-son to Elizabeth LaVallee of Gilead and great-grandson to Lewis M. Sargent of Albany.

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Edie Smith

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, December 6, 2008, at the Bethel Fire Station from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for the rabies shot is \$14.00.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH ONLY!

A staff member from the Bethel Town office will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents. licensing fees are \$11.00 per dog or \$6.00 per spayed or neutered dog.



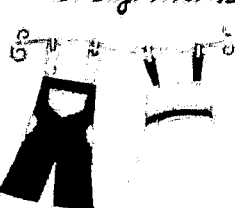
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Please contact owner at

31 Lake Road
Bryant Pond

665-2932

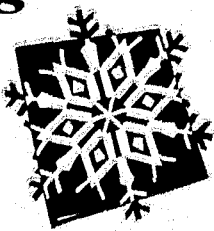
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